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Sessions of the Conferences of the M. E. Church in the "Holston Country."

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Year	Time	Placee	Bishop	Secretary
1800	Oct. 6	Bethel Academy, Ky.	Francis Asbury	William Burk
1801	Oct. 1	Ebenezer, Tenn.	Francis Asbury	William Burk
1802	Oct. 1	Bethel Academy, Ky.	Francis Asbury	William Burk
1803	Oct. 2	Mount Gerizim, Ky.	Francis Asbury	William Burk
1804	Oct. 2	Mount Gerizim, Ky.	Wm. McKendree Francis Asbury	William Burk
1805	Oct. 2	Anthony Houston, Ky.	Rich'd Whatecoat	William Burk
1806	Sept. 15	Ebenezer, Tenn.	Francis Asbury	William Burk
1807	Sept. 14	Chiillicothe, Ohio	Francis Asbury	William Burk
1808	Oct. 1	Liberty Hill, Tenn.	{ Francis Asbury W. McKendree	William Burk
1809	Sept. 30	Cincinnati, Ohio	{ Francis Asbury W. McKendree	William Burk
1810	Sept. 6	Shelbyville, Ky.	Wm. McKendree	William Burk
1811	Oct. 5	Cincinnati, Ohio	Wm. McKendree	Learn'r Blackburn

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

1812	Nov. 12	Fountain Head, Tenn.	{ Francis Asbury W. McKendree	William B. Elgin
1813	Oct. 1	Rees' Chapel, Tenn.	{ Francis Asbury W. McKendree	William B. Elgin
1814	Sept. 29	Kennerly's, Ky.	{ Francis Asbury W. McKendree	Thos. L. Douglass
1815	Oct. 20	Bethleheim, Tenn.	{ Francis Asbury W. McKendree	Thos. L. Douglass
1816	Oct. 23	Franklin, Tenn.	Wm. McKendree	Thos. L. Douglass
1817	Oct. 30	Franklin, Tenn.	*Thos. L. Douglass (W. McKendree)	Hardy M. Cryer
1818	Oct. 1	Nashville, Tenn.	{ Enoch George W. McKendree	Charles Holliday
1819	Oct. 1	Nashville, Tenn.	{ Enoch George W. McKendree	Charles Holliday
1820	Oct. 4	Hopkinsvile, Ky.	*Marcus Lindsey W. McKendree	Charles Holliday
1821	Nov. 7	Norvell's Camp Gr'd	Robt. R. Roberts	Thos. L. Douglass
1822	Oct. 16	Ebenezer, Tenn.	Enoch George W. McKendree	Thos. L. Douglass
1823	Nov. 26	Huntsville, Ala.	Enoch George	Thos. L. Douglass

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

1824	Nov. 27	Knoxville, Tenn.	Robert R. Roberts (Robt. R. Roberts	John Tevis
1825	Oct. 20	Jonesboro, Tenn.	Joshua Soule	Thos. Stringfield
1826	Nov. 2	Abingdon, Va.	Joshua Soule	Thos. Stringfield
1827	Nov. 1	Knoxville, Tenn.	Robert R. Roberts	Elbert F. Sevier
1828	Nov. 14	Jonesboro, Tenn.	Joshua Soule	Elbert F. Sevier
1829	Dec. 24	Abingdon, Va.	Joshua Soule W. McKendree	Elbert F. Sevier
1830	Nov. 4	Ebenezer, Tenn.	Joshua Soule	Elbert F. Sevier
1831	Nov. 10	Athens, Tenn.	Elijah Hedding	Elbert F. Sevier
1832	Nov. 15	Evensham, Va.	John Emory	Thos. Stringfield
1833	Oct. 16	Kingsport, Tenn.	Robert R. Roberts	Lewis S. Marshall
1834	Oct. 8	Knoxville, Tenn.	*John Henniger	Lewis S. Marshall
1835	Oct. 7	Abingdon, Va.	James O. Andrew	Lewis S. Marshall
1836	Oct. 2	Madisonville, Tenn.	Thomas A. Morris	Lewis S. Marshall

HOLSTON CONFERENCE—(Continued.)

Year	Time	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1837	Oct. 18	Reem's Creek, N. C.	James O. Andrew	Lewis S. Marshall
1838	Nov. 13	Wytheville, Va.	James O. Andrew	Lewis S. Marshall
1839	Oct. 13	Greeneville, Tenn.	*Thos. K. Catlett	D. R. McAnally
1840	Nov. 11	LaFayette, Ga.	Thomas A. Morris	Elbert F. Sevier
1841	Oct. 6	Rogersville, Tenn.	*Samuel Patton	Elbert F. Sevier
1842	Oct. 5	Knoxville, Tenn.	Beverly Waugh	Elbert F. Sevier
1843	Oct. 4	Abingdon, Va.	Thomas A. Morris	Elbert F. Sevier
1844	Oct. 9	Reem's Creek, N. C.	Edmund S. Janes	Elbert F. Sevier

Holston Conference Reorganized.

1865	July 5	Atheus	D. W. Clark	John F. Spence
1866	May 17	Greeneville	D. W. Clark	John F. Spence
1867	Oct. 3	Knoxville	C. Kingsley	John F. Spence
1868	Oct. 8	Chattanooga	D. W. Clark	John F. Spence
1869	Oct. 7	Jonesboro	M. Simpson	John F. Spence
1870	Oct. 3	Knoxville	L. Scott	John J. Manker
1871	Oct. 11	Greeneville	L. Scott	John J. Manker
1872	Oct. 2	Cleveland	S. M. Merrill	John J. Manker
1873	Oct. 1	Knoxville	G. Haven	John J. Manker
1874	Sept. 30	Chattanooga	E G. Andrews	John J. Manker
1875	Sept. 29	Greeneville	T. Bowman	John J. Manker
1876	Oct. 4	Kingston	I. Scott	John J. Manker
1877	Sept. 27	Knoxville	W. L. Harris	John J. Manker
1878	Oct. 2	New Market	I. Scott	John J. Manker
1879	Oct. 15	Knoxville	I. W. Wiley	John J. Manker
1880	Oct. 20	Greeneville	E O. Haven	Jas D. Roberson
1881	Oct. 20	Maryville	E. G. Andrews	Judson S. Hill
1882	Oct. 19	Chattanooga	M. Simpson	Judson S. Hill
1883	Oct. 17	Knoxville	T. Bowman	Judson S. Hill
1884	Oct. 16	Greeneville	H. W. Warren	Thos. B. Russell
1885	Oct. 15	Johnson City	J. F. Hurst	Thos. B. Russell
1886	Oct. 21	Athens	W. F. Mallalieu	Thos. B. Russell
1887	Oct. 12	Knoxville	E. G. Andrews	Thos. B. Russell
1888	Oct. 10	Cleveland	J. N. Fitz Gerald	Thos. B. Russell
1889	Oct. 9	Dayton	I. W. Joyce	Thos. B. Russell
1890	Oct. 8	Greeneville	J. M. Walden	Thos. B. Russell
1891	Oct. 21	Chattanooga	W. X. Ninde	Thos. B. Russell
1892	Oct. 5	Morristown	C. D. Foss	Thos. B. Russell
1893	Oct. 17	Maryville	S. M. Merrill	Thos. B. Russell
1894	Oct. 17	Johnson City	R. S. Foster	Thos. B. Russell
1895	Oct. 9	Knoxville	D. A. Goodsell	Thos. B. Russell
1896	Sept. 30	Newport	W. F. Mallalieu	James H. Amis
1897	Sept. 23	Athens	E. G. Andrews	James H. Amis
1898	Oct. 13	Elizabethhton	J. H. Vincent	James H. Amis
1899	Oct. 11	Cleveland	C. D. Foss	James H. Amis
1900	Oct. 3	Chattanooga	D. A. Goodsell	James H. Amis
1901	Oct. 9	Morristown	J. W. Hamilton	James H. Amis
1902	Oct. 2	Maryville	J. M. Walden	James H. Amis

* Elders elected to preside in the absence of a Bishop.

In 1844 the great division occurred, and in 1845 the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized. The Holston Conference passed under the supervision of the new church. But after a lapse of twenty years the Holston Conference was reorganized, 1865, in Athens, Tenn., under the presidency of Bishop Davis W. Clark.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

NAMES	POST OFFICES
Amis, J. H., . . .	Ducktown
Ayres, R. O., . . .	Athens
Angel, S. P., . .	Chattanooga
Baker, J. A., . . .	Knoxville
Baker, J. N., . .	Fall Branch
Bales, G. S., . .	Mountain City
Bandy, W. S., . . .	Greeneville
Best, J. S., . . .	McKinley
Boling, J. W., . . .	Crossville
Brown, T. W., . .	Morristown
Bruner, M. C., . .	Athens
Brackney, W. S., .	Rockwood
Burnette, J. S., .	Chattanooga
Cadle, A. G., . . .	Dandridge
Caldwell, L. B., .	Greeneville
Cardwell, J. L., . . .	Igo
Cardwell, J. W., .	Ebeneezer
Cass, T. A.,	Athens
Clendenen, G. W., .	Mayuardsv'le
Chase, T. G., . . .	Kingston
Coleman, G. W., . .	Cleveland
Cones, F. M., . .	Elizabethhton
Cooke, R. J., . .	Chattanooga
Cox, G. B.,	Baileytown
Crist, B.,	Athens
Durham, J. M., . .	Knoxville
Emert, J. M., . . .	Knoxville
Francisco, G. T., .	Johnson City
Ferguson, E. C., . .	Athens
Freeman, Luther, .	Chattanooga
Grant, W. S., . . .	Loudon
Hall, C. M.,	Knoxville
Harmen, J. C., . . .	Clinton
Henry, P. H., . . .	Maryville
Hodge, J. C., . . .	Baileyton
Hodge, T. H., . . .	Watauga
Hooper, W. W., . . .	Athens
Hyden, S. W., . . .	Maryville
Jones, J. S., . . .	Sevierville
Julian, Geo., . . .	Cleveland
Ketron, S. G., . . .	Bloomingdale
Ketron, A. C., . . .	Fall Branch
Kinsland, Wm	Joppa
Lawson, J. D., . .	Wear's Valley
Little, J. B., . . .	Wellspring
Long, W. R., . . .	Grady
Lowe, S. V	Newcomb
Manker, J. J . . .	Knoxville
Martin, B. M . . .	Maryville
McGhee, J. W . . .	Bank
McKenzie, H. W., .	Rutledge
McKenzie, A. B . .	Dandridge
McLaughlin, E. H.,	Knoxville
Melear, J. M . . .	Knoxville
Miller, C. W . . .	Wellspring
Miller, W. C	Athens
Miller, I. H	Clinton
Monroe, M. H . . .	Manila
Murphy, A. J., . . .	Pikeville
Morse, G. E	Jellico
Newcomb, G. T., .	Chattanooga
Ogle, H. B.,	Rutledge
Oaks, Hazen, . . .	La Follette
Omohundro Erwin, S.	Pittsb'g
Paul, G. W.,	Daisy
Perry, J. F.,	Maggie
Petty, J. S.,	Morristown
Peters, A. C., . . .	Burrville
Pile, D. G.,	Cleveland
Pitts, W. F.,	Knoxville
Reed, P. H.,	Gravely
Roberson, J. D., . .	Newport
Robinette, J. J., . .	Athens
Rose, A. M.,	Maryville
Rowan, G. R., . . .	Greeneville
Ruble, J. A., . . .	Johnson City
Rule, M. A.,	Knoxville
Russell, T. B., .	Johnson City
Rowe, T. D., . . .	Chucky City
Seaton, J. B.,	Bank
Senter, W. T., . . .	Alpha
Spence, J. F., . . .	Knoxville
Snavely, A. Y., . . .	Wellspring
Stout, G. M., .	Andersonville
Strange, J. S., . . .	Asbury
Simonds, R. A., .	Chattanooga
Stapleton, R. L., .	Morristown
Scarborough, P. H.,	Scarboro
Walker, T. S., . . .	Whitehorn

Walker, Robert, Chattanooga	Wheeler, W. C.,	Dayton
West, T. R., Athens	Wyatt, C. C.,	

PROBATIONERS.

Ayers, E. R., Athens	Jones, A. P., Jasper
Browne, A. E., New Tazwell	Lawson, D. T., Diaz
Conner, T. H., Morgan Springs	Murphy, M. P., Chattanooga
Gibbs, Bernard, Hill City	Sanders, John, Dayton
Hawk, H. M., Chatta	

THE HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Held in Maryville, Tenn., October 2-6, 1902.

BISHOP JOHN M. WALDEN, PRESIDING.

J. H. AMIS, DUCKTOWN, SECRETARY.

1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences? Geo. E. Morse, from the Genesee Conference. Luther Freeman, Maine Conference.
2. Who have been readmitted? None.
3. Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches? None.
4. Who have been received on Trial? (a) In studies of First Year. Henry M. Hawk, Thomas H. Conner, Alvah P. Jones, Bernard Gibbs.
5. Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) In studies of First Year. Ernest R. Ayers, John Sanders (b) In studies of Second Year. Michael P. Murphy, David T. Lawson, Asa E. Browne.
6. Who have been Discontinued? Willis A. Stackhouse
7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year. Andrew J. Murphy, Thomas D. Rowe. (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. Samuel P. Angel, Geo. S. Bales, Erwin Omohundro.
8. What members are in studies of Third Year? (a) Admitted into Full Membership this Year. Andrew J. Murphy, Thomas D. Rowe, Samuel P. Angel, Geo S. Bales, Erwin Omohundro. (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. Patrick Scarborough.
9. What members are in studies of Fourth Year? James W. Boling, Albert C. Ketro, Robert L. Stapleton.
10. What members have Completed the Conference Course of Study? (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. None.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? (a) As Local Preachers. Geo. W. McMahan.
12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? (a) As Local Deacons. None.
13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined? This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.
14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? W. A. Saville, to Genesee Conference. I. G. Taylor to Alabama Conference. Elmer W. Serl to Cincinnati Conference. J. M. Taber to Wyoming Conference. J. M. Wolfe to Michigan Conference.
15. Who have Died? J. B. Fitzgerald, T. B. Russell.
16. Who have been Located at their own Request? M. R. M. Burke.
17. Who have been Located? None.
18. Who have Withdrawn? None.
19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.
20. Who have been Expelled? None.
22. What other personal mention should be made? None.
22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? W. R. Byerly, H. B. Ogle, G. R. Rowan, T. B. Russell, C. C. Wyatt, J. F. Spence.
23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? R. O. Ayers, J. N. Baker, J. L. Cardwell, T. A. Cass, Benjamin Crist, G. W. Coleman, S. W. Hyden, Geo. Julian, J. H. Jennings, Wm. Kinsland, J. D. Lawson, W. R. Long, J. B. Little, P. H. Reed, G. M. Stout, P. H. Scarborough, J. B. Seaton, P. H. Henry.
24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? J. F. Perry, W. C. Wheeler, T. R. West, J. C. Hodge, M. A. Rule, F. M. Cones, A. G. Cadle.
25. What is the Statistical Report for this year? See Statistics.
26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collec-

tions ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$14,780.00.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? \$1,500.00.

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been applied? \$931.00.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed? See appointments.

30. Where shall the Next Conference be held? First Church, Knoxville, Tenn.



HOLSTON CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS, 1902.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

W. C. Miller, Presiding Elder.
P. O. Athens, Tenn.

Athens J. J. Robinette
Athens Circuit M. C. Bruner
Chatata H. M. Hawk
Cleveland D. G. Pile
Cleveland Circuit. To be supplied
Decatur J. F. Perry
Ducktown J. H. Amis
Ebenezer J. W. Cardwell
Erie To be supplied
Kingston T. G. Chase
Loudon W. S. Grant
Madisonville M. H. Monroe
Maryvil'e B. M. Martin
Maryville Circuit... { A. M. Kose
{ J. S. Best

North Athens. E. R. Ayers
W. W. Hooper, E. C. Ferguson,
Professors Grant University and
members Athens Quar'ly Conf.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. S. Burnett, Presiding Elder.
P. O., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Chattanooga—

Alton Park To be supplied
Avondale To be supplied
Epworth M. P. Murphy
First Church. Luther Freeman
Highland Park. Robert Walker
Hill City Bernard Gibbs
Ridgedale To be supplied
Saint James ... R. A. Simonds
Sherman Heights To be supplied
Big Lick To be supplied
Crossville.... J. W. Boling
Daisy..... G. W. Paul
Dayton and Vine Grove
..... W. C. Wheeler

Fairmount To be supplied
Graysville John Sanders
Jasper A. P. Jones
Morgan Springs T. H. Conner
Pikeville A. J. Murphy
Rockwood and Spring City.
..... W. S. Brackney
South Pittsb'g. Erwin Omohundro
Tracy City To be supplied
Victoria S. P. Angel
G. T. Newcomb, Dean School
of Theology, Grant University,
member of First Church, Chat-
tanooga, Quarterly Conference.
R. J. Cooke, Professor School
of Theology, Grant University,
member of First Church, Chat-
tanooga, Quarterly Conference.

CLINTON DISTRICT.

I. H. Miller, Presiding Elder.
P. O., Clinton, Tenn.

Andersonville
..... Supplied by B. C. Taylor
Big Valley A. E. Browne
Burrville A. C. Peters
Clinton J. C. Harmon
Elk Valley.
..... Supplied by F. M. Reynolds
Harriman To be supplied
Jacksboro A. Y. Snavely
Jellico G. E. Morse
Jellico Circuit.
..... Supplied by C. L. Poulston
LaFollette Hazen Oaks
Maynardsville. G. W. Clendennin
Newcomb S. V. Lowe
New River T. R. West
Oliver Springs
..... Supplied by L. B. Clear

Petros

Supplied by W. L. Norwood

Rutledge.....H. W. McKenzie

Searboro.

Supplied by Luther Clear

Sunbright....

Supplied by W. L. Oliver

Tazewell.

Supplied by A. H. Gregg

Well Spring .. c....C. W. Miller

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

G. T. Francisco, Presiding Elder,

P. O., Johnson City, Tenn.

BloomingdaleS. G. Ketron

ButlerTo be supplied

Chuckey CityT. D. Rowe

Elizabethton.F. M. Cones

Fall BranchA. C. Ketron

Johnson CityJ. A. Ruble

Johnson City Circuit

..... To be supplied

GreenevilleL. B. Caldwell

Greeneville Circuit...W. S. Bandy

Jonesboro..... To be supplied

Mountain CityG. S. Bales

OaklandG. B. Cox

Parrottsville.....T. S. Walker

Rogersville.....J. C. Hodge

SneedvilleTo be supplied

Surgoinsville.....J. D. Lawson

Watauga.....T. H. Hodge

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

J. J. Manker, Presiding Elder.

P. O., Knoxville, Tenn.

DandridgeA. B. McKenzie

Elm Grove and Lonsdale.....

.....J. A. Baker

Fair FardenA. G. Cadle

Holston..W. T. Senter

Knoxville—

Asylum Street ... J. M. Emert

East Main Street .. W. F. Pitts

First ChurchC. M. Hall

Luttrell Street .. J. M. Melear

Knoxville Circuit

.....E. H. McLaughlin

Little RiverJ. W. McGee

MorristownR. L. Stapleton

Morristown Circuit.J. M. Durham

NewportJ. D. Roberson

Newport Circuit...T. W. Brown

New SalemM. A. Rule

Pigeon Forge... To be supplied

Sevierville.....J. S. Jones

Stinnett... To be supplied

Thorn GroveJ. S. Strange

TuckaleecheeTo be supplied

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HOLSTON CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

MARYVILLE, TENN., October 2, 1902.

At 8 o'clock this morning the Fifty-eighth session of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened with Bishop John M. Walden presiding.

The Bishop requested the Conference to sing the 716th hymn, and L. B. Caldwell to lead in prayer; afterwards he read scripture lessons, one from the Old and one from the New Testament.

The roll was called and 52 members and 7 probationers answered to their names.

On motion of T. R. West, J. H. Ámis was elected Secretary, with T. B. Russell as Assistant.

On motion of L. B. Caldwell, Robert Walker was elected Statistical Secretary with J. W. Boling and R. L. Stapleton as Assistants.

On motion of Hazen Oaks, J. C. Harmon was elected Treasurer, with M. C. Bruner as Assistant.

J. J. Robinette, the Pastor, suggested 8:30 a. m. and 11:45 a. m. as the hours for meeting and adjourning; and on motion of F. M. Cones those hours were accepted.

On motion of R. J. Cooke, a committee on the cause of Missions and the forward movement was appointed consisting of the following: R. J. Cooke, T. G. Chase, Hazen Oaks, G. S. Bales and J. M. Melear.

On motion of T. R. West the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first five tiers of seats on the right of the left aisle.

On motion of J. M. Melear, W. F. Pitts was appointed to canvass for subscribers for the *Methodist Review*.

The Bishop made some very instructive remarks concerning the importance and value of the Review.

Rev. E. B. Caldwell, of the Northern New York conference, and Rev. George D. McCulloch, D. D., Pastor of

the Presbyterian church, were introduced to the Conference.

A paper concerning the boundary line between this Conference and the Central Tennessee Conference was read by the Secretary and referred to the Presiding Elders.

J. J. Robinette presented an invitation from Dr. Wilson, President of Maryville College, to the Conference to meet at the college tomorrow at 8:30 a. m. for devotional services conducted by the Bishop; on motion of M. A. Rule the invitation was accepted.

On motion of J. S. Jones it was decided to have a committee on resolutions, when B. M. Martin, A. C. Peters, Erwin Omohundro, M. C. Bruner, G. S. Bales were appointed.

Bishop Walden made some appropriate remarks to the Conference encouraging and helpful to the brethren.

Under the 13th question, Was the character of each preacher examined? The following Presiding Elders, after the passage of their characters read their reports: W. C. Miller, of the Athens District; J. S. Burnett, of Chattanooga District; W. C. Miller, of the Clinton District; G. T. Francisco, of the Greeneville District; J. J. Manker, of the Knoxville District.

At 11 o'clock the holy communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders and others

After announcements, Conference adjourned to meet at 1:30 this afternoon. Benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference called to order at 1:30 by the Bishop
After singing, T. R. West led in prayer.

C. M. Hall was granted a leave of absence to attend a funeral.

The charges were called and the reports collected.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8:30 at the college.

SECOND DAY.

OCTOBER 3, 1902.

By special invitation, the Conference met this morning in the College chapel and enjoyed a delightful devotional service, conducted by Dr. John H. Race, president of Grant University, and Bishop Walden. Dr. Wilson, president of Maryville College, gave the Conference a very tender and brotherly greeting. The Bishop addressed the students with some very encouraging and instructive remarks, which were truly edifying and much enjoyed. After singing heartily

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,"

the Conference repaired to the church, where the journal was read and approved, and the business of the Conference resumed.

The absentees were called, those sick or employed were excused, and the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

On motion of R. J. Cooke, a committee was appointed to convey greetings to the Laymen's Convention and to invite them to seats with us at 11 o'clock. The chair appointed R. J. Cooke and J. D. Roberson.

Rev. J. Albert Hyden, for many years a member of this Conference, now of Southwest Kansas Conference, was introduced and invited to a seat with the Conference.

G. T. Newcomb was granted a leave of absence after to-day.

The thirteenth question was resumed.

On motion of R. J. Cooke, the pastors were requested to report the totals collected for benevolences, the amounts collected for Conference claimants, and the increase over last year. The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and those in charge reported their collections, which perhaps showed the greatest advance of any previous year in the history of the Holston Conference: J. H. Amis, M. C. Bruner, J. F. Perry, D. G. Pile, W. S. Brackney, T. R. West, J. W. Cardwell, T. G. Chase, W. S. Grant, M. H. Monroe, J. J. Robinette, A.

M. Rose, E. C. Ferguson, W. W. Hooper, L. B. Caldwell,¹ W. C. Wheeler, Robert Walker, G. W. Paul, G. T. Newcomb, R. J. Cooke, R. A. Simonds, A. C. Peters, S. V. Lowe, J. C. Harmon, J. M. Emert, Hazen Oaks, G. M. Stout, H. W. McKenzie, A. Y. Snaveley, C. W. Miller, J. C. Hodge, J. D. Roberson, S. G. Ketron, J. A. Ruble, W. S. Bandy, T. H. Hodge, W. R. Byerly, G. B. Cox, T. S. Walker, T. W. Brown, M. A. Rule, W. T. Senter, W. F. Pitts, J. F. Spence, F. M. Cones, J. M. Melear, J. A. Baker, J. W. McGee, B. M. Martin, J. M. Durham, A. G. Cadle, J. S. Strange, J. S. Petty, J. S. Best, G. W. Clendenen, C. M. Hall, J. S. Jones, and A. B. McKenzie.

E. H. McLaughlin having given up his charge on account of personal and family afflictions, was excused by the Conference and his character passed.

R. J. Cooke reported that the invitation sent to the Laymen's Convention to meet with us at 11 o'clock had been accepted.

Rev. G. D. French, agent of the American Bible Society, ^{VISIT} was introduced and addressed the Conference for a few minutes concerning the great work of the great Society he represents.

At 11 o'clock the laymen came in and took ^{seats} reserved for them. R. J. Cooke introduced J. A. Patten, the president, to the Bishop. Mr. Patten introduced the laymen to the Bishop, who in turn introduced the Conference to the president and the laymen. Mr. Patten addressed the joint assembly on the blessed results of the past and the pleasing outlook for the future. The laymen remained until the Conference adjourned.

The following drafts—\$22.00 from the Chartered Fund and \$279.00 from the Book Concern—were ordered and placed in the hands of L. B. Caldwell, chairman of the Board of Stewards. The time was extended indefinitely.

Andrew J. Murphy, Sam'l P. Angel, Erwin Omohundro, Geo. S. Bales and Thomas D. Rowe were called forward, and after a fervent prayer by J. A. Ruble, the Bishop addressed them very clearly and forcibly concerning the great work of the ministry. They answered affirmatively all the disciplinary questions.

The following officers of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies were introduced to the Conference: Mrs. Bishop Walden, Mrs. R. J. Miller, Mrs. P. C. Wilson, Miss Nellie Snider and Miss Fannie G. Wilson.

After announcements, Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

OCTOBER 4, 1902.

The Conference met this morning at 8:30, and after a very precious and instructive devotional service, conducted by Bishop Walden, the journal of the previous session was read, corrected and approved.

On motion of F. M. Cones the Secretary was requested to purchase a book in which are to be kept the disciplinary questions and answers of all candidates for admission on trial and for full membership.

Dr. J. E. Hughes, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at Maryville, and Rev. J. H. Branner, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, were introduced to the Conference.

On motion of R. J. Cooke a committee was appointed consisting of one from each District--D. G. File, R. J. Cooke, Hazen Oaks, J. D. Roberson and M. A. Rule--to whom should be referred all communications and memorials.

All persons desiring the supernumerary relation or desiring to be changed to the superannuated relation were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

On motion of L. B. Caldwell the Presiding Elders were requested to apportion to the several charges the amount estimated by the Board of Stewards for Conference claimants, \$420.00 for General Conference expenses, \$442.00 for the Episcopal fund, and all the benevolent apportionments.

On motion of J. M. Melear, T. R. West was authorized and directed to return the \$40.00 accruing from the sale of some church property, to the Board of Church Extension, to satisfy the claims of the Board.

On motion of R. J. Cooke a committee was appointed on the bicentenary celebration of Wesley, consisting of the presiding elders, one minister and one layman from each district.

On motion of I. H. Miller, G. M. Stout was granted a superannuated relation and placed on the list of Conference claimants.

Where shall the next Conference be held? C. M. Hall put in nomination First Church, Knoxville, and it was unanimously accepted as the place for holding the next Conference.

On motion of H. M. Monroe, the secretary was requested to make a statement concerning the amount raised by the laymen to pay the deficits on pastors' salaries, showing how it was raised and where it was applied.

P. H. Scarborough was granted a superannuated relation and referred to the Board of Stewards.

Andrew J. Murphy and Thomas D. Rowe after reporting their collections were received into full membership and elected to Deacons Orders.

Samuel P. Angel, Erwin Omohundro, and George S. Bales reported their collections and were received into full membership, having been ordained previously.

On motion of J. J. Manker, Mrs. J. B. Fitzgerald was referred to the Board of Stewards.

J. B. Seaton and P. H. Henry were each granted a superannuated relation.

H. B. Ogle, T. B. Russell, C. C. Wyatt, and G. R. Rowan were continued in the supernumerary relation.

M. R. M. Burke was located at his own request.

J. W. Boling, Albert C. Ketron, and Robert L. Stapleton reported their collections and were advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

P. H. Scarborough was continued in studies of the third year.

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¶ Ernest R. Ayers, and John Sanders were continued on trial in studies of the first year.

M. P. Murphy, D. T. Lawson, and Asa E. Browne were continued on trial and advanced to studies of the second year.
to Willis A. Stackhouse was discontinued.

¶ On motion of J. J. Manker, the records in regard to certain persons were retained by the Board of Examiners for use next year.

-¶ On motion of J. J. Robinette, the Conference decided to meet at two 2:30 o'clock to-morrow for ordination and memorial services.

¶ On motion J. D. Roberson and B. M. Martin were added to the committee on memoirs.

George W. McMahan, recommended by the Knoxville District Conference, was elected to Deacon's Orders as a local preacher.

¶ W. Hyden, George Julian, W. R. Long, J. B. Little, R. O. Ayres, P. H. Reed, T. A. Cass, B. Crist, J. D. Lawson, J. N. Baker, J. L. Cardwell, J. H. Jennings, G. W. Coleman, and Wm. Kinsland, were continued in the superannuated relation, and those present made some touching and helpful remarks.

(Dr. J. H. Race, President of Grant University, was introduced and very earnestly and cordially invited the Conference to attend the dedication of Banfield Hall at Athens next Tuesday, the 7th of October. He also addressed the Conference concerning the splendid equipments and brilliant prospects of Grant University.)

On motion of F. M. Cones, the Presiding Elders were requested to hand the names of applicants for admission on trial to the committee on Conference Relations.

¶ Dr. S. T. Wilson, President of Maryville College, Dr. E. B. Waller, Professor in Maryville College, and Rev. A. P. Smith, of the Baptist church, were introduced and each addressed the Conference in a few well chosen remarks.

¶ On motion of L. B. Caldwell, it was decided to hold a session of the Conference this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock
The Bishop appointed R. J. Cooke to preside at the afternoon session.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2:30 with R. J. Cooke in the chair. Devotions were conducted by G. W. Coleman.

On motion of L. B. Caldwell, the committee on Education was requested to complete the report and hand it to the Secretary.

The reports on Sunday Schools and Tracts, Conference Relations, A. B. Society, District Conference Records, and Temperance were presented and adopted.

On motion the Conference adjourned with the benecion by J. M. Durham.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, a very impressive and instructive ordination service was held. Andrew J. Murphy, Thomas D. Rowe, and George W. McMahan were ordained Deacons, after which a very beautiful and touching memorial service was held under the direction of R. J. Cooke. Memoirs of Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald, Rev. T. H. Russell, Mrs. J. N. Baker, Mrs. S. W. Hyden, and Mrs. J. P. Milburn were read.

FOURTH DAY.

Conference met at 8:30 this morning with Bishop Walden in the chair.

After a half an hour devotional service, the journal was read, corrected and approved.

W. C. Miller, Hazen Oaks, and D. G. Pile were excused for their absence.

Henry M. Hawk, Thomas H. Conner, Alvah P. Jones, and Bernard Gibbs were received on trial.

On motion of J. A. Ruble, the Pres'ding Elder was authorized to withdraw the application of Brother Walker and employ him at his discretion.

Rev. R. B. Stansell, of the Alabama Conference, Rev. W. L. Cates, of the Baptist church, and Rev. C. H. Porter, of the Missouri Conference were introduced to the Conference.

The Bishop addressed the Conference for a few moments concerning our work.

On motion of M. A. Rule, the relation of J. F. Spence was referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

The Bishop requested T. S. Walker to take the chair in his absence.

J. W. Fisher, of Newport, was introduced and addressed the Conference with cheerful and encouraging words.

On motion of L. B. Caldwell, the action of the joint committee concerning the Preachers' Aid Society was endorsed; and on motion of C. M. Hall, the same committee from the Conference was retained.

On motion of J. J. Robinette, the Secretary was authorized to correct the head-lines of the chronology of the Holston Conference.

R. J. Cooke read the report of the committee on the cause of Missions and Forward Movement, which on motion of F. M. Cones was adopted.

On motion of J. M. Melear, the report of the Board of Stewards was adopted and the money distributed.

\$1,500.00 was estimated by the Board of Stewards for the Conference claimants and on motion of F. M. Cones, was confirmed by the Conference.

The reports of the committees on Epworth League Auditing committee, State of the Church, Church Literature and resolutions were read and adopted.

On motion of J. A. Ruble, J. A. Hyden, of South West Kansas Conference, was requested to speak a few words to the Conference: which he did to the delight of his old friends.

On motion of S. V. Lowe, J. S. Jones was appointed a representative in the Board of Directors to the 7th National Anti-saloon convention which meets in Washington, D. C., the 9th, 10th, 11th of December, 1902.

R. J. Cooke presented the report of the committee on memorials and on motion it was adopted.

Mr. Thomas Macklin, the janitor of the church, was introduced and graciously accepted the contribution from the Conference for his services.

On motion of J. J. Robinette, the Treasurer was author-

ized to turn over the money in his hands to Mr. Venn, the agent from the Book Concern, and leave the \$12,00 unaccounted for, with the Board of Stewards for Conference claimants, to be used in cases of emergency.

The Bishop returned and took the chair.

The committee on Conference Relations recommended that J. F. Spence be retained in the effective relation. On motion of J. A. Ruble he was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Missionary appropriations were read by J. J. Manker and confirmed by the Conference.

The Boards of Church Extension, Church Location, and Deaconess were announced by G. T. Francisco and confirmed by the Conference.

On motion of J. J. Robinette, the Statistical Secretary was requested to give the increase and decrease, and that the statistics be printed in the minutes without reading.

On motion of J. A. Ruble, the Board of Bishops was requested to fix the time of holding the session of the Holston Conference on or about the 15th of October.

After reading, correcting and approving the minutes and announcing the appointments, the Conference, on motion of R. J. Cooke, adjourned with a prayer and the benediction by the Bishop.

JOHN M. WALDEN, Bishop,
J. H. AMIS, Secretary.

REPORTS.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

Your committee is of the decided opinion that our Heavenly Father wishes all His sons and daughters to be intelligent creatures. Is not this opinion fully confirmed by the language of our Savior when he said, "Take my yoke upon you and *learn* of me." And of the Apostle when he exclaims, "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue *knowledge*?"

In harmony with this thought is the fact that when God wanted a man to conduct His chosen people from Egypt to Canaan that He called Moses from Horeb, a man who was "learned in all the knowledge of Egypt," to lead them and to legislate for them, and who practically is the legislator of the whole civilized world and who was the type of the infinitely wise Son of God, and who commanded that His teachings should be plainly written upon the very stones so that all might read them as they passed along. Also when a man was needed to carry the gospel to the Gentile world, God passed by the college of Apostles and selected Saul of Tarsus, who was brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, one who spoke the prevailing languages of his day, to carry it to them, and who in zeal and labors and sufferings exceeded all his fellow-laborers; and who wrote, "'Till I come, give attention to reading, to doctrine, to charity." And our Savior, Christ, saith, "Search the scriptures."

Now, since our Church literature seeks to explain and enforce the scriptures, we are but repeating our Savior's command when we recommend the diligent circulation of our literature, both our books and periodicals, for the scriptures are still as in the days of Timothy, able to make wise unto salvation; and our best informed people are our most devoted and self-sacrificing.

We, therefore, heartily recommend our pastors to circulate to the extent of their ability our own literature, it being equal to the best. But we wish to emphasize this recommendation as it relates to our Sunday-school literature and our Conference organ, *The Methodist Advocate-Journal*.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. S. WALKER, Chairman.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Believing that our Sunday-school supplies are as good as the best, cheap as is consistent with business methods, and serve the interests of Methodism as none other can, we would urge a more universal acquaintance with and dissemination of our own Sunday-

school supplies; also that each pastor see to it personally that each school in his charge be organized into a Missionary Society, as the Discipline directs.

TRACTS.

We would call the attention of the brethren to the fact that a donation of tracts will be made to any charge to one-half the amount of that charge's collection for tracts for the preceding year, and urge that we make our offering as large as possible so that our people may receive a large benefit from this free distribution.

G. W. PAUL, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF
THE CHURCH.

To the Church in Holston Conference the future prospects are bright.

As to doctrine, we, God's ministering servants, stand by the old landmarks. We believe all the Bible. We preach a present and full salvation and the witness of the Spirit thereto to every one that believeth.

As to zeal, we still "present our bodies a living sacrifice" to spend and be spent to publish the Gospel of this great salvation, to declare the whole counsel of God.

As to finances, the wonderful advance in ministerial support and the benevolent collections for the past year are both indicative and productive of a more thorough and practical religion; and the noble work of our Laymen's Association in paying off every deficiency in pastors' and presiding elders' salaries will enable us to throw ourselves more fully into our divine calling, which, by the grace of God, we pledge ourselves to do, that we may turn these temporal sacrifices into spiritual account. Yet, while we acknowledge these good things with profound gratitude to God, it must be acknowledged that there are still some conditions to be deplored and corrected in the religious and moral life of far too many of our people. They are not, at all places, sufficiently trained in public prayer and testimony, and in active service for Christ. There is too little attention to prayer and class meetings, Sunday-schools, the instruction of children, family worship, quarterly meetings, and the regular public services, in most all our charges. A test has been made in one country charge, which we believe to be but little below the average country charge, and out of a membership of 337 there was an average attendance of only 130, while 132 were absent for an entire quarter. Out of 48 official members there was an average attendance of only about 10 at the quarterly conferences. Out of 159 heads of families, only 17 observed family worship. These figures indicate a low state of spirituality which cannot be atoned for by all the noble gifts of the Laymen's Association, but must be corrected along with those financial advancements or the Church will still suffer spiritual

dearth and fail to accomplish her mission in the salvation of souls. But we are glad to note that this does not represent the condition in all the charges. Many pastors no doubt could speak of better things. One pastor gives it as his judgment that half, and another that two-thirds of the heads of families in their respective charges observe family worship. Let us hope that it may be so in many more charges, and where it is not so let us proceed by the grace of God to bring it to pass.

As to moral life, Methodists in Holston Conference no doubt live up to a standard equal to that of any other people; and yet, what laxity of morals do we see among us! How many of our people, and even some of our preachers, patronize Sunday trains, Sunday newspapers, Sunday amusements, etc., and engage in unnecessary Sunday labor, all of which it can be plainly seen has a tendency to break down our sacred Christian Sabbath. How common it is for even Methodists to profane God's holy name by taking the name of our gracious "Lord" as a mere by-word.

There are some among us who drink their drams and say they do no harm. We are even admonished that there are many among us, in places, who sin against our free republican institutions by buying or selling the sacred right of suffrage. At the root of all these evils, we believe, is a growing laxity in family religion and government, and as a second to this evil we have often been too lax in church discipline, and church vows have been among us too much a matter of mere form. What warning and admonition arise out of these conditions! What diligence, what consummate wisdom and courage, born of the indwelling Holy Spirit, is needful to us, God's ministering servants, that we may deliver our people from these evils and ourselves from blame in the sight of God.

We therefore acknowledge our responsibility and pledge ourselves, by the grace of God, by all godly means, to lift the standard of righteousness among our people still higher.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,

W. S. BRACKNEY,

J. C. HODGE,

J. J. ROBINETTE,

THOS. W. BROWN,

THOS. S. WALKER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CAUSE AND FORWARD-MOVEMENT.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is a potent missionary force among the great missionary Churches of modern Christendom. The sun never sets on the fields of her effort for the evangelization of the Christless at home and abroad. In northern and southern Europe, in India, in China, Japan, and Korea, in Porto Rico, Ha-

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vana and the Philippine Islands the infinite love of the Father is proclaimed by her missionaries, and all the Christian forces born of the gospel of the Son of God have been put in operation for the spiritual enlightenment, the individual and social redemption of the races, tribes and tongues to which she has borne the message of universal salvation. Who does not rejoice in this? We thank God that He counted us worthy to have part in this expansion of the kingdom of Christ our Lord. The share we have had may be small compared with larger and wealthier Conferences, but it is a share, and the prayers and toils to make it larger and more worthy of our Church in this section have resulted this year in the largest contribution and the greatest increase in our contribution to missions ever made in the history of the Holston Conference.

We rejoice also in the practical and truly magnificent movement of the Church for the thorough evangelization of the home-land. The work of the Home Missionary Society, the aid extended by the parent board, the hand to hand struggle of the Church with the entrenched powers of evil for the supremacy of the powers that make for righteousness in the ever enlarging cities of the nation enlists our sympathy and kindles our enthusiasm. We thank God for all this and will never cease to support this supremely important work of the Church.

But your committee would call your earnest attention to the consideration of needed missionary labor within the bounds of Holston Conference. There is a field here that appeals to the Methodist Episcopal Church. This is a vast territory we occupy, stretching from the borders of Virginia to Georgia, and from the summits of the Unaka mountains, where the clouds are born, to the Cumberland Plateau. In this reach of land there are many neglected spots. There are portions of whole counties lying along the slopes of the Cumberland range, and settlements here and there at the foot of the Smoky Mountains where there is no organized effort to maintain Christian services.

The first Methodist Episcopal church in Scott county is yet to be dedicated, but it will be in November, and all over these sections indicated there is imperative need for the church, the Sunday School and the Christian academy. We are needed there, and there we should go. It is idle to suggest that other Churches can go there in force. They have not gone. They have all they can do; and even if they should go the people are calling for us. This is virgin soil. The opportunity for other Churches to enter has been open for years and is still open, and will stay open unless we heed the call and supply the need which is steadily increasing. We have no desire, and there is no call for us, to go where we are not needed.

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ed, while all this unoccupied territory is perishing for the uplifting, broadening, inspiring and saving gospel of Jesus Christ. The land is ours, the call is to us, and we therefore recommend

First. That the committees on Missions required by the Discipline be put into active operation and made productive of results.

Second. That wherever possible needy and neglected places shall be attached to the nearest church as missions of that church, and all help afforded by the establishment of Sunday Schools, prayer and class meetings, and such other spiritual assistance as the Presiding Elder may be able to give through the services of the local ministry.

R. J. COOKE, Chairman.

NOTE. The figures necessary to a practical report on the "Forward Movement" in the Conference could not be absolutely relied upon, and that part of the report is omitted, there not having been sufficient time to make corrections. R. J. C.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Received from Book Concern.....	\$279 00
Received from Chartered Fund.....	22 00
Received from Collections.	630 00
Total.	\$931 00

Distributed as follows:

R. O. Ayers.....	\$ 40 00	Paid to Bruner
Mrs. Ballinger.....	10 00	" Bruner
Mrs. Clarke	20 00	" Caldwell
Mrs. Daily.....	65 00	" Hall
Mrs. Forrester.....	10 00	" Peters
Mrs. Filmore.....	50 00	" Wheeler
Miss Greer.....	20 00	" Lowe
Mrs. Haskall.....	5 00	" Rule
Mrs. Hughes	5 00	" Herself
Rev. S. W. Hyden	45 00	" Himself
Mrs. Jones	40 00	" Hawk
George Julian.....	5 00	" Mrs. R. J. Miller
Mrs. Lawton.....	35 00	" Manker
Rev. J. B. Little	5 00	" Amis
Rev. W. R. Long	45 00	" Himself
Mrs. Merrison	10 00	" J. C. Hodge
Mrs. Morton	50 00	" Amis
P. H. Reed.....	80 00	" Himself
Mrs. Rogers.....	20 00	" Amis
Mrs. Seaton.....	10 00	" Francisco
G. M. Stout.....	40 00	" Clear
P. H. Scarborough.....	40 00	" Wheeler

Mrs. Still.....	5 00	" Bruner
Mrs. Watkins	5 00	" H. W. McKenzie
Mrs. Creswell.....	46 00	" Brown
J. D. Lawson	5 00	" Himself
B. Crist.....	60 00	" Bruner
T. A. Cass.....	40 00	" Himself
J. L. Cardwell	40 00	" Durham
J. H. Jennings.....	35 00	" Francisco
G. W. Coleman.....	40 00	" Mrs. Coleman
Wm. Kinsland.....	5 00	" Rule
 Total.....	\$931 00	

The Board of Stewards, after very careful investigation, do respectfully recommend that the Holston Annual Conference raise the sum of \$1,500.00 for Conference claimants for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. RULE, Secy' Beard.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We are more and more convinced of the growing evil of the whiskey traffic, and look with sorrow and shame upon its ravages. For at its doors can be laid the lifeless bodies of millions slain by its merciless forces, and yet while we look at the open saloon with its glittering furniture and its music, we ask ourselves, who is responsible, and we long for the time when Christian men will vote as they pray, therefore we as members of the Holston Conference pledge ourselves to do all in our power to enlighten our people as to their duty in regard to this nefarious business.

And be it resolved, that we earnestly request the ensuing legislature of our state to extend the four mile law so as to grant the privilege to every city and town of 5,000 inhabitants or less to determine by vote whether or not license shall be given for the sale of intoxicating liquors in corporate limits. And as a further means to the end desired we, as a Conference, endorse most heartily the work of the Anti-saloon League of America, and we recommend that we comply with the request of this organization to elect one of this body as a member of the Board of Control of said League, also a delegate to the next National Convention of this League, which meets in Washington, D. C., December 9th, 1902.

S. V. LOWE,
W. C. WHEELER.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The auditing committee have examined the Presieing Elders' accounts and find them all correct. W. F. PITTS,
Chairman

REPORT ON EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Recognizing the providential origin of the Epworth League, its peculiar adaptation to the needs of our church, city and country, its assistance in developing intelligent, enthusiastic and Christian character in the young people, its ready usefulness as a revival agency; in a word, its harmony with the genius of Methodism; we covet a fuller utilization of its helpfulness in the Holston Conference.

We regret to note that there has been some decrease in League interest in the Conference, as indicated by the pastors' reports.

We beg leave to call the attention of all the pastors to their duty to organize and maintain Leagues as set forth in our Discipline. We wish to urge our pastors and our young people to rekindle League enthusiasm on every charge.

Believing that the surest and quickest way to build up a strong membership is to grow it by the conversion and training of the children, and that the Junior League does this work. We earnestly urge the organization of Junior Leagues.

Resolved. That the committee on Public Worship for the next Conference be requested to arrange for an annual Conference League anniversary at the next Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. SIMONDS, Chairman
W. F. PITTS,
J. S. JONES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the Rev. J. J. Robinette, D. D., pastor of this church, and his efficient committees for the splendid way in which they have received and entertained this session of the Conference.

Resolved, That we appreciate the services and accommodations afforded us by the Southern Railway system and other systems and the liberal space given us by the press to a notice of our proceedings.

Resolved, That we record our gratitude to the good people of Maryville for the royal reception they have given us in their homes and for the evident Christian hospitality which they have shown.

Resolved, That we regard as helpful the visit to our Conference by the representatives of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, namely, Mrs. R. J. Miller, Mrs. P. C. Wilson, Miss Wilson, Miss Nellie Snider, and Mrs. Bishop, John M. Walden, and that we pray for rich blessings upon their work.

Resolved, That we are grateful for the presence and inspiring lecture at this Conference of the Rev. E. B. Caldwell of Foo-chow Mission, and for the presence and brotherly spirit of Drs. L. E. Prentiss and John H. Race of Grant University.

Resolved, That we have been delighted with the presence and helpful words of the Rev. J. Albert Hyden, of the Southwest Kansas Conference, who was a member of the Holston Conference for a number of years and holds a large place in the hearts of the people of East Tennessee.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the continued success of the Laymen's Association, and that we honor its members for the advance they have helped to secure for the Holston Conference the past year, supplying largely the deficits on benevolent apportionments and meeting all deficits on preachers' salaries.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the presidency of Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., LL. D., over this session of the Conference; that his addresses, lecture on "Africa and its Evangelization" and his sermon have been helpful and inspiring; that his conduct of the business of the Conference has been satisfactory, and that we will gladly welcome him to preside at any future session,

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of the Secretary, J. H. Amis, his assistant, T. B. Russell, Treasurer J. C. Harmon and Assistant Treasurer M. C. Bruner.

Resolved, That we record our high appreciation of the excellent music rendered by the choir of the church at the various services during the Conference, especially the music of the Sabbath day services

ERWIN OMOHUNDRO,

GEO. S. BALES,

A. C. PETERS,

M. C. BRUNER,

B. M. MARTIN,

Committee.

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Realizing that the stability and usefulness of the Christian Church as well as real liberty in the government of men, depends upon a knowledge of the Word by the common people and as it is the mission of the American Bible Society to aid us in reaching the masses everywhere, rich and poor, high and low alike; be it

Resolved, Therefore, that we welcome its agents to our midst, lend hand, ear and heart to its service, and raise our full apportionments for its support.

G. W. PAUL, Chmn',

A. M. ROSE,

H. W. MCKENZIE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

The memorial presented to this Conference by the Rev. R. S. Sampson, local elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, protesting against seeming injustice done him by the action of this Conference, October, 1894, endorsing a Rev. T. C. Carter, formerly a member of this Conference, was carefully considered by a special committee on memorials, which reported unanimously:

First, That we intend injustice to no one.

Second, That we rescind the Conference action referred to in the memorial.

R. J. COOKE,

M. A. RULE,

J. D. ROBERSON,

HAZEN OAKS,

D. G. PILE.

REPORT ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your committee on District Conference Records have examined all the records turned in and find them properly kept.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN OAKS, Chairman.

ORDINATION.

This certifies that at Maryville, Tenn., on Sabbath, October 5th, 1902, I did ordain as Deacons

Andrew J. Murphy,

Thomas D. Rowe, and

George W. McMahan.

Given under my hand this 6th day of October, A. D. 1902.

JOHN M. WALDEN.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

We have again come to the close of another Conference year, not as eventful to us of Greeneville District perhaps as that of last year, last year being marked on account of the destructive floods that visited our section of the country. This year we have had to contend with political contest and political enthusiasm. Toil has been ours. We have met with some discouragement; some of the time a cloud has been over us on account of sickness in our family, and the greater part of our time we have spent away from home looking after the interests of the

District. We have been able to be in service every Sunday since Conference, holding our Quarterly Conferences in person with the exception of two, which were held by substitutes. This year we have preached 139 times, made 310 visits and traveled 3,908 miles.

One who has never traveled a large district cannot know by observation the difficulties and hardships the presiding elder has to undergo in order to reach his appointments.

The preachers of the Greeneville District, without an exception, have worked hard this year, and although some of them have been in rather poor health, yet they have gone on with their work with but little murmur.

We give you a summary of the year's work. Last year a great many revivals were held in the District and a large number of people professed faith in Christ.

This year the revival fires have not burned so extensively, yet there have been 875 conversions and 425 additions to the church. The preachers of the Greeneville District have never neglected this feature of the work and usually we have been able to report a larger number of conversions and additions. While there has been a considerable gain in membership, the records may show but little, on account of the Newport Circuit being transferred from this to the Knoxville District at our last session of Conference. The spiritual condition, we think, is having its influence on the financial interests.

Our finances are ahead of any former year in the history of the District, every pastor's salary being met in full except on three charges.

Our apportionment on pastor's salary, including house rent, is \$7,266; paid, \$7,239. The executive committee of the Laymen's Association assisted us very materially in bringing up the pastors' salaries by sending circular letters to the official members. We also prepared a circular letter, sending one to each steward, urging the necessity of bringing up the pastor's claim.

The benevolences are in advance of last year. We have raised for all benevolent causes \$900.

Church Enterprises.—There have been five churches dedicated during the year—one on the Mountain City Circuit, two on the Jonesboro Circuit, one on the Greeneville Circuit and one on the Surgoinsville Circuit. All of these are good buildings, neat and well finished. Two of these churches were dedicated by Dr. Cooke, one by Brother Ruble and two by myself. There are three other church buildings almost ready for dedication and three others that are under way of erection that will be completed and dedicated before the next Conference year closes. Four of these buildings have been erected since our last Conference. Several hundred dollars have been spent

in repairing churches and parsonages. The parsonage at Johnson City has been completed this year and is among the best in the Conference. The indebtedness has been lifted from the parsonage property at Parrottsville. Two hundred and seventy-five dollars have been spent in improving our school property there, and at Chucky City on school property. There are four of our church schools in the bounds of Greeneville District, all of which are in a prosperous condition except the one at Bloomingdale, which suffered a severe blow in the death of Prof. Joseph H. Ketron; who for many years was its principal. These schools have been of lasting benefit and a blessing to the communities where located and they are growing in favor with the people. We need to stand by them more with our means and patronage. The enrollment is larger than it has ever been at the beginning of the first term.

Our District Conference which convened at Hermon, July 26, was a decided success. Every session was full of interest. Those who were on the program came well prepared, and both preaching and discussions were of the highest order. A very interesting feature of the Conference was the Epworth League entertainment given by the young people of the different Leagues of the District. At the close of this entertainment a new District cabinet was organized and from these new officers we are expecting greater results.

The spring rally of the Conference was held at Johnson City and while it was not so largely attended as some of the other conference rallies, yet it was pronounced by some to have been the best ever held by the Holston Conference Epworth Leaguers. This was the first spring rally to be held in the Greeneville District.

From my own observation and the reports of pastors and Sunday-school superintendents the Sunday-school interests are in a better condition than any previous year since I have been on the District. The camp-meetings at Sulphur Springs and Ross' camp-ground were well attended. At Sulphur Springs new tents have been erected and the people are becoming more and more enthusiastic for the development of this place. There is no reason why it should not become a great and mighty power for good. We had with us the largest number of ministers that we have ever seen in attendance at Sulphur Springs camp-ground. The preaching was clear and forcible and each service was spiritual. The Holy Ghost came alike upon preachers and people.

We were pleased to have with us for a short time the organizer for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Miss Nellie Snider. The people were delighted with her addresses and claim that she is the most interesting lady speaker that had ever come before them. She effected organizations wherever

it was possible for her to do so, and we feel sure the work she accomplished during her brief visit among us will be of special benefit to Greeneville District, in that she aroused interest in the cause of Home Missions and set some of our people to thinking on this subject.

After traveling over the upper counties of East Tennessee for four consecutive years, going into almost every community and into so many homes, we feel that we are in a position to know something of the existing conditions among our people, and we make this statement without fear of contradiction that the outlook for the Methodist Episcopal Church in East Tennessee was never more hopeful. In the last few years our Church has made rapid progress. Take the Greeneville District as an illustration. In the year 1898 we had \$68,600 worth of church property. That was the value of church buildings. Last year, 1901, the value of churches was \$84,000, an increase of \$15,400 in three years; and this year the figures will be advanced several thousand dollars. Then we had six parsonages, valued at \$5,050; now we have ten, valued at \$11,550. In the year 1898 the pastors received on salary, including house rent, \$5,090. This year they have received, including house rent, \$7,239, an increase in four years of \$2,149. In the year 1898 they collected for all benevolent causes \$425; this year we have collected \$900.

The time has come in our history when many of our larger circuits ought to be divided. The people will pay better salaries for better service. No pastor can do as efficient work as he might, on account of being burdened with so many appointments; and yet these divisions cannot be made on the account of a scarcity of preachers. Many of our charges are supplied from the local ranks. We need more workers in the vineyard. We will labor on, trusting in God for greater victories.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

On presenting to the Holston Conference this, my first annual report as Presiding Elder of the Athens District, it is done with a profound sense of gratitude and devout thankfulness to God for the constant blessings of His providence and grace.

No serious sickness has befallen any of the pastors, nor has death entered any of their homes except in one instance. The wife of Rev C. B. Myers, pastor of the Erie Circuit, on the 29th day of last October, released her hold upon her very attractive earthly life with as much quietness and assurance as one would have in an eventide walk after the day is ended. She bade her husband and children good-bye and passed into the beautiful and glorious in the world out of sight.

The Athens District embraces the territory included in the counties of James, Bradley, Meigs, McMinn, Blount, Polk, Monroe, Loudon, and portions of Knox and Roane. This territory extends from Ooltewah on the west, to Maryville on the east, and from Kingston on the north, to the State line on the south. The District embraces fourteen pastoral charges, nine circuits and five stations. One change in the pastorate has occurred this year in the District. The supply on the Erie Circuit was released of his charge after the third Quarterly Conference, and it was supplied with Clinton D. Hoyle, a local preacher. The pastors, with scarcely an exception, have labored faithfully and earnestly, according to their abilities and opportunities, and not without encouraging success, as all of their reports will show.

Church Building.—A few days after our last annual Conference the house in which our people worshiped at Kingston was destroyed by fire. The building was owned by the Free Masons, and the membership of our Church had leased the first story for ninety-nine years, and the cost of the lease had been paid in full. They had no insurance on their part of the building and the loss was total. The trustees have purchased a beautiful lot, just across the street from the parsonage and joining the lot on which the building was burned, where they formerly worshiped. On this site, beautiful for situation, overlooking the entire town, a splendid, substantial, commodious building has been pushed to completion; and now it can be truthfully said the last state of this church is better than the first.

At Chandler's, on the A. K. & N. R. R., in the bounds of the Maryville Circuit, a new church building was dedicated the fifth Sunday in August by Rev. C. M. Hall, pastor of the First M. E. Church in Knoxville. In the bounds of the same charge and on the same railroad, at a small village called Meadow, another church building is just about ready for dedication. On the Loudon Circuit, at Lenoir City, a lot has been secured and the contract let for the erection of a new church house. The members of the Pine Grove church, on the Erie Circuit, are raising money to paint their church, preparatory to dedication. This church has been built for some time, but has not been painted or dedicated.

Through the generosity of J. W. Fisher, of Newport, Tenn., a magnificent lot has been bought in Athens, on which to build a church house, which shall not cost less than four thousand dollars. This lot is in the heart of the town, easy of access from all directions, and was sold a few years ago for twenty-five hundred dollars. The Madisonville Circuit now has a parsonage with four or five acres of land and orchard, free of

debt. This enterprise stands mainly as a monument of the generosity of the Brieut family.

Prospective church buildings, with a good deal of talk and not without hope, are under consideration at the following places: Ray's Chapel and Luminary, on the Erie Circuit; Sylvans, on the Loudon Circuit, and a place called Cebtury, twelve miles east of Maryville, in a community not included in any pastoral charge. Prospects are favorable for building at Mecca, in the bounds of the Madisonville Circuit.

The Financial Conditions of the District.—This is not what we should like to have it; neither is it what it ought to be. A drouth prevailed in some parts of the District last summer and cut short the crops, and the severe cold in the winter froze out the wheat, until there was not more than a half crop this year; and again this summer the drouth has repeated itself in almost the same localities where it was last season, with even greater destruction to the corn crop. And notwithstanding this, we shall be able to report a small advance in ministerial support and a still greater increase in the benevolences over last year. All the pastors, with scarcely an exception, have worked hard to bring about these good results. In this connection we will give the names of those who have succeeded in raising their full apportionments for all the benevolences. This honor roll is as follows: Brothers J. H. Amis, W. S. Brackney, M. C. Bruner, J. W. Cardwell, M. H. Hawk, C. D. Hoyl, W. S. Grant, M. H. Monroe, D. G. Pile, J. J. Robinette, A. M. Rose.

There is another most excellent agency which has been a co-worker with the pastors in bringing about these splendid results. That is the Laymen's Association of the Holston Annual Conference. This Association, through the carefully and wisely directed efforts of its executive committee, has brought an impetus or uplift to our Church within the bounds of our Conference which it has never witnessed before in its history. These faithful laymen say we must have a better support of our preachers, and that means a better qualified and a more efficient ministry. With these consecrated, godly men and women to hold up the hands of those whom God has called to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, the result will bring glorious victory to the Church of God and our beloved Methodism in this beautiful Southland.

The spiritual conditions generally of the District are far from satisfactory. The lack of more spiritual life in the churches may be due largely to the following causes:

1. The prayer meetings and the class meetings in the main are sadly neglected.
2. A large per cent of our people do not read our standard books or church papers.

3. Family prayers or Christian living in the homes does not measure up to the Bible standard.

4. The meagre and unbusinesslike way in which the financial interests of the Church are attended to, account, no doubt, for much of the spiritual deadness that prevails in some localities. But while the deep piety and spiritual life are not all that could be desired, still on almost every charge the revival fire has been burning. This glorious work demands more attention than this brief statement.

Of my own work on the District it is perhaps unnecessary to speak, further than to say that I have given all my time in looking after the interests of the Church I love so dearly. I have attended fifty-four quarterly meetings in person and two by proxy. Of the 82 churches on the District I have visited 77 once, and 54 twice, a few three times, and all the stations four times. I have preached 243 times during the year, made 327 visits in families in the bounds of the District, baptized two infants, attended one funeral, held one District Conference, and in doing this work have traveled 4,500 miles. The pastors and laity on the District have cordially received me and extended to me many courtesies, for which I am grateful.

God has blessed me and my family with health, so that I have not missed a single appointment this year. It has been a year of progress and success in several little measures, at least, in nearly every respect, for which our devout thanksgiving is due to the God of all grace, the great Head of the Church.

W. C. MILLER, Presiding Elder.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

The Presiding Elder of the Knoxville District presents the following report:

The District at the beginning of the year embraced nineteen pastoral charges, but near the close of the first quarter, in January, the territory included in the Sevierville and Pigeon Forge Circuits was so rearranged as to make three Circuits out of the two. This was done for the accommodation and with the advice and concurrence of the pastors and official members of the two charges, and in accordance with authority previously obtained from Bishop Hamilton, and has met the unanimous approval of the people interested. The new Circuit formed is called Tuckaleechee.

All the pastors appointed at the last Conference have served through the year, with one exception. At the second Quarterly Conference of the Sevierville Circuit, Rev. E. H. McLaughlin tendered his resignation as pastor and desired to be relieved of his charge on account of his own and his family's health, and for business considerations. The Quarterly Con-

ference, though greatly delighted with Brother McLaughlin's pulpit ministrations, nevertheless under the circumstances unanimously advised the acceptance of the resignation. He accordingly, with the approval of the Quarterly Conference and of the Presiding Elder, gave up the work. It is hoped and earnestly recommended that the Conference will hold Brother McLaughlin justifiable in the course he felt constrained to pursue, as Bishop Hamilton himself has approved the administration of the Presiding Elder in the premises.

To fill the vacancy thus occasioned the Rev. W. M. Christian, a local elder, was appointed and has rendered efficient and successful service during the remaining part of the year.

The Rev. J. O. Cox, a local preacher, was assigned to the new Buckaleechee Circuit.

These two brethren, as well as all those serving under Bishop Hamilton's appointment, have labored industriously and with gratifying success during the year, as will more fully appear in the general statement of results and in their own statistical reports.

Through the greater part of the year the Rev. G. W. McManan, one of our local preachers, has been conducting a pioneer missionary work in a section of country lying between the Newport and the Sevierville Circuits. A new church has been built and such development made as seems to call for the organization of a new charge.

At the Conference one year ago the Newport Circuit was transferred from the Greeneville to the Knoxville District and with it two or three appointments previously belonging to the Parrottsville Circuit. These appointments are separated from the rest of the Newport Circuit by the Pigeon river and by a rugged mountain, and are not less than eighteen miles distant. They could not be served from the Newport Circuit, and the Rev. J. L. Cardwell, one of our honored superannuates, cheerfully undertook the care of them and has rendered acceptable and useful service, at a very small remuneration.

Two of our Conference schools are situated within the bounds of the Knoxville District—the Holston Seminary, at New Market, and the Murphy College, at Sevierville. The former had the misfortune to lose its school building by fire in December, while in the midst of a prosperous school year. No steps have as yet been taken toward rebuilding. The trustees are in possession of some funds, and it would be in order for the Conference to give careful consideration to its interests at New Market.

Murphy College is in a healthy and prosperous condition. Prof. H. F. Ketron resigned his connection with the school with the close of the last year, and the Rev. J. S. Jones has been chosen to succeed him and has entered upon his duties

with a new and efficient staff of teachers and with a large enrollment of students.

My own work may be sufficiently indicated in a very brief outline. Every Quarterly Conference for the year, on each of the twenty appointments, was held by the Presiding Elder in person, besides a number of special and extra sessions on a number of the charges, rendered necessary by financial or other exigencies.

The care of the District has received my undivided attention. It has been my constant endeavor to give faithful personal supervision and service to every interest of the Church in the District, including the circulation of the *Methodist Advocate-Journal*, the better organization of the Sunday-schools and their more hearty sympathy and co-operation with the plans and work of the Church. Special attention has been given the financial affairs, and unremitting effort has been made to secure the full payment of the pastors' salaries and of the benevolences. This has not, however, been done to the neglect of the spiritual interests. On the contrary, these have constantly been kept paramount in my own mind, and so far as possible for me to do it, in the minds of all others as well.

The results of the earnest work of the pastors, encouraged and supported by the co-operation of many excellent and godly men and women of the laity throughout the District, although by no means measuring up to our desires or to the reasonable possibilities, have nevertheless been gratifying and encouraging.

As reported by the pastors, there have been 483 conversions, 220 received on probation, 286 received into full membership, and an increase of 274 in the number of members.

Through the wise administration and work of the Presiding Elders and pastors in the recently by-gone years, nearly all the charges in the District are so well supplied with good churches that but little remains to be done in that direction. One new Church, however, begun last year at Middle Creek, on the Sevierville Circuit, has just been completed. It is the best Church in the county, is worth \$2,500, and was dedicated August 24th by the Rev. James A. Ruble, the small balance at the time unpaid being fully provided for, with an ample margin over the amount required.

At several other points considerable sums have been raised and applied in repairs and improvements and in the payment of debts, furnishings, etc. These would aggregate two to three thousand dollars.

The following charges have paid their pastors' salaries in full: Elm Grove and Jones' Chapel, Holston, Asylum Street, East Main Street, First Church, Luttrell Street, Knoxville Circuit, Little River, Lonsdale, Morristown, Morristown Circuit,

Newport, New Salem, Pigeon Forge, Sevierville, Thorn Grove, and Tuckaleechee—seventeen out of the twenty. Dandridge, Fair Garden, and Newport Circuit are delinquent.

The pastors below named have raised the full apportionment for all the benevolences, including the Episcopal fund and the Conference Claimants' fund, and are entitled to their place in the roll of honor, namely:

M. A. Rule	Elm Grove and Jones' Chapel.
E. A. Holbert	Holston.
W. F. Pitts	East Main Street.
Chas. M. Hall	First Church.
J. M. Melear	Luttrell Street.
J. A. Baker	Knoxville Circuit.
J. W. McGee	Little River.
F. M. Cones	Lonsdale.
B. M. Martin	Morristown.
J. M. Durham	Morristown Circuit.
R. L. Stapleton	Newport.
A. B. McKenzie	New Salem.
E. R. Branam	Pigeon Forge.
W. M. Christian	Sevierville.
J. S. Strange	Thorn Grove.
J. O. Cox	Tuckaleechee.

Sixteen out of the twenty pastors in the District.

The increase in the number of charges which have met their pastors' salaries and their apportionments for all the benevolences is tangible evidence of the good work done and the progress made, although this encouraging result is also partly due in some cases to a healthy financial tonic made possible and available by the kindness of two generous laymen.

J. J. MANKER, Presiding Elder.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The Chattanooga District as constituted at the last session of our annual Conference, contained twenty-one charges; of these, ten are stations. The Circuits are in the country and in small towns which are generally dependent on coal or iron mines. This has been an unusually hard year on the farmers. They have suffered from severe drouths or damaging floods for four successive seasons, and the drouth this year has been the worst they have experienced. Long continued strikes have seriously crippled our work in several of the mining towns, and there is no prospect of a settlement.

Dr. J. J. Manker, my predecessor, planned so wisely and worked so faithfully that when Bishop Hamilton gave me

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charge of the District I found it in good condition everywhere.

When the appointments were read, A. E. Browne was sent to Pikeville, but later in the day his appointment was changed to Sunbright, in the Clinton District, without notifying me. After the first quarter was about over I, with the consent of Bishop Goodsell, transferred J. W. Boling from Jasper to Pikeville. The vacancy thus unavoidably made at Jasper was filled by W. E. Shaffer, theological student, until May 1st. Since then A. P. Jones has been in charge and the work has made progress.

Alton Park has been supplied by Robert B. Stansell, a member of the Alabama Conference, who is attending the Theological school at Chattanooga.

St. James (formerly Tabernacle) had G. H. Christenbury as "supply" until May 1st, when he accepted a charge in the Northwest Kansas Conference. Roy A. Simonds, who returned from Union Theological Seminary at that time, was secured to fill this charge.

H. M. Torrey, supply at Epworth, finding the work in the Theological School and a pastorate too heavy for his strength, resigned his charge at the close of the first quarter, and W. D. Thompson, of the Georgia Conference, was secured to take his place.

J. M. Tabor, pastor of First Church, Chattanooga, was transferred to Binghampton, N. Y., June 1st. The Bishop failed to find a successor, and Dr. J. H. Race, assisted by various ministers, has cared for the work.

J. B. Zeigler, supply, in charge at Graysville, gave up his work at the end of his first quarter on account of failing health and A. C. Peters supplied the charge since.

The brethren, whether regular pastors or "supplies," have labored faithfully, and in some instances heroically.

P. H. Scarborough has been ill through the entire summer and will be forced to ask for a superannuate relation. James Hart is just now recovering from a severe attack of fever. G. W. Paul and his little daughter had typhoid fever during the summer, but in each case, aided by a loyal people, the work has gone forward.

Bishops' Conference.—Chattanooga and our Methodism in the whole central South was highly favored this year by a visit from the Board of Bishops in their semi-annual gathering, May 1st to 5th. While their meeting was primarily a business session, they did not spare themselves, but entered into our local work and aided us greatly.

New Work.—At the close of the first quarter, with the consent of the pastor and the official board of Daisy charge, I took the Fairmount Church and put with it four new appointments that had been opened, west of Chattanooga, and formed the

Fairmount Circuit. W. A. Phillippe has served as supply. During 1901 the Tennessee Central Railroad was completed through Cumberland county and a number of towns soon sprang up around coal mines. When I made my first "round" I found that most of these places were not occupied by any other Church and I secured the services of C. Burnard, a student in Harriman University, who did fairly successful work in these towns until about May 1st. Since he went away no one has had regular charge, except such time as A. J. Murphy could spare from his work on Crossville Circuit. J. W. Boling has organized a class in Atpointly, a new mining town on the Pikeville charge.

Building and Improvements.—A chapel, costing about \$600, has been built at Oak Grove, near Tracy City. Another, worth about \$1,500, is building at Crossville, the county site of Cumberland county. Good progress is being made on Epworth Church, Chattanooga. It will cost, when complete, about \$2,500. At Rockwood a seven-room parsonage is nearly completed. The work was begun in January of this year. Mr. G. W. Spivey, a generous layman on the Graysville charge, who three years ago erected for us a beautiful Church, has, during this year, built a neat house for the preacher on adjoining grounds. Improvements have been made on the Churches at Avondale, Fairmount, Soddy and Retro. Several years ago our Tabernacle Church, on Rossville avenue, Chattanooga, was burned; still the "faithful few" held on in an adjoining store building. This year several members of the First Church came to their assistance and the situation changed. With Roy A. Simonds as pastor, in the lead, the forwarded movement has already resulted in the purchase of eight contiguous lots on the corner of Rossville and Reed avenues, at a cost of \$3,500. This is the only Church in this part of the city, and when completed will represent an outlay of about \$15,000 and will give our Church a marked advantage as well as increased responsibility. After all our efforts we still have fifteen congregations without Church buildings. In nearly every instance a donation of \$100 to \$250 would ensure a neat chapel and give us permanency in the community.

Revivals.—That part of our work which is of paramount importance has not been neglected. The pastors have reported over 700 conversions and a little more than 400 accessions to the Church.

Pastors' Salaries.—We are glad to report that every pastor's salary is paid in full. In most instances this is very small allowance, but usually our people pay very close to the limit of their ability. Because of conditions already mentioned, it has taken real self-denial to meet the finances in many places.

Benevolent Collections.—Every charge is in Class First, hav-

ing met its full share of these collections. The reports will show that we have raised about \$700—more than was required for missions. Ernest B. Caldwell, who is at home on a furlough from mission work in Foochow, China, aided very largely in the increased collections for missions, by visiting nearly all the Churches in the District in the interest of special work in Foochow. Mr. J. E. Annis, of Chattanooga, made a large donation to our work in Rome.

These results, following similar ones a year ago, have greatly encouraged our people and increased their interest in the general work.

Sunday-School and Epworth League Work.—The Sunday-schools will show a total enrollment larger than our Church membership. They are in good condition.

The Epworth League is not as general or useful as it should be. We have not tried to arouse interest in this work where there is no prospect of permanency; still the Epworth Leaguer is not a dead letter by any means; Chapters are helping the Churches in many places in the District.

My Work.—I have done my best to keep all the interests of the Church going. Out of a total of 86 Quarterly Conferences, I have held 82. The faculty of the Theological School and various other brethren have assisted me in the public services. I also wish to acknowledge the valued assistance of the Laymen's Association and the *Methodist Advocate-Journal*—factors that have materially aided every enterprise in the District and have been constant in their help to me.

J. S. BURNETT, Presiding Elder.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Carved in stone at the main entrance to the grounds of Harvard University, the following inscription may be found:

"After God had carried us safe to New England
And we had builded our houses,
Provided necessaries for our livelihood,
Reared convenient places for God's worship
And settled the civil government,
One of the next things we longed for
And looked after was to advance learning
And perpetuate it to posterity,
Dreading to leave an illiterate ministry
To the churches when our present ministers
Shall lie in the dust."

In thinking of the subject of education, then, we do well to keep in mind that there were established on this continent two interesting but widely different types of civilization. The one was at Plymouth Rock, in 1620, a colony that was thoroughly democratic. The people believed in the Church and in the School—Religion and Education for all.

At Jamestown, in 1607, a different type appeared. It was of the Cavalier order. Society was composed of classes. Popular education was not an essential element. And in a few years, or in 1609, when the colony numbered only four thousand souls, slavery was introduced, presenting a problem yet unsolved, despite the fact of the mightiest war the country has ever known. Various experiments have been tried to raise the people, all the people, to the plane of Christian civilization. In the providence of God we have now reached the time, therefore, when practically all progressive thinkers are agreed that this happy result is to be reached through the channel of Christian education.

For this time we do not mean the teaching of sectarian or dogmatical religious views, but that broad, liberal education in the things that have done most to uplift and enlighten the world and to improve moral, social and political conditions. The Christian teacher, as God's representative, is he who emphasizes respect for the law, reverence for the governmental institutions, equal freedom to all men of every race, the sacredness of marriage relations, exact justice to all men, equality of the sexes in the Church, and tolerance of all religious beliefs. These are the foundation principles of the highest development of the Teutonic races, and Christianity inspires them.

From the foundation of Cokesbury College to the present day it has been the dominant purpose of our Methodist institutions of learning to develop this broad culture. Sectarian schools we cannot support. We are, however, and ever will be in thorough accord with all educational institutions having these ideals.

Deeply sympathetic though we be with other schools, it is our bounden duty to be loyal to our own.

Your committee, therefore, would express the highest appreciation of our own Grant University, which has been and is a center of intellectual and spiritual power, a training school where our sons and daughters may be thoroughly equipped for life's work. We note with pleasure the substantial growth of this institution during the past year. Under the inspiring leadership of President Race, new buildings and improvements have been added to the value of about \$60,000.

At Athens the C. H. Banfield Memorial Hall of Science has just been completed and formally opened. It is a magnificent structure of brick and stone, four stories high, including basement. Through the generosity of Mr. J. W. Fisher, of Newport, Tenn., splendid laboratories have been installed. Mr. John W. F. Foster has also given the money for the establishment of a library. Blakeslee hall, the new boarding hall for boys, is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Blakeslee, of Ohio, and meets a long felt want. The present enrollment is fifty per

cent in advance of the corresponding dates last year, and the outlook for this department is most hopeful.

At Chattanooga the Medical College building has just been completed, and this flourishing department of the University is now domiciled in its elegant new home. To our School of Theology the Church continues to look for trained ministers. Let us crowd its halls. The Department of Law is now permanently established and opens with fifty matriculants. God bless Grant University.

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CLINTON DISTRICT.

(Through one of those unfortunate occurrences which happen in all printing offices, the copy of this report was mislaid and the mistake discovered too late to get in its proper place. This copy was handed in sometime after the first.)

It is with profound gratitude to our loving Heavenly Father that in making my first annual report to the Holston Conference, we bring no evil tidings from any part of the Clinton District.

Our pastors are God-fearing, and for the most part are industrious men. Our people are loyal and devoted, and some of them liberal in the support of the church. As one has said, "The polity, the preaching, and the people are under God a conquering trinity."

I have preached in nearly all our churches throughout the District, and have seen everywhere the unmistakable evidences that those who passed this way before me are master-builders.

Eight of the charges were served by members of the Conference, and ten by supplies. Two new charges have been organized during the year and are served by supplies.

One of our veteran members, Rev. T. H. Russell, has passed on to his reward. While we feel his loss, we know that it was only a call "from labor to rest," "from toil to refreshment." He died in holy triumph.

Early in the year Rev. Isaac G. Taylor who was appointed to the Shawnee Circuit was transferred to the Alabama Conference and appointed to the Edwardsville circuit by Bishop Hamilton. I was very fortunate, however, in securing the services of Rev. S. B. Jones, of Chattanooga, to supply the work, and his report will show that he has not worked in vain.

Rev. A. Eugene Browne, of Sunbright circuit has labored under great disadvantages being so far from his home, but has done splendid work and reports about ninety-three conversions and one-half as many accessions to the church.

Elk Valley Circuit was organized early in the year and placed under the pastoral care of Revs. J. W. Hammond and T. Y. Broyles, local preachers of much unselfishness. Faithful work has been done and some progress made.

Petros Circuit.—The Rev. T. J. Bostain, a local preacher at Petros, in Morgan county, was authorized by me to organize a class at that place, which he did with the help of Rev. W. L. Norwood, of the Deer Lodge charge. We have since completed the organization with fifteen intelligent, energetic, and devoted members, and a nice new church will be erected soon.

Oliver Springs Circuit.—Rev. W. A. Stackhouse was appointed to this charge and served until May 15th, when he left it on

account of the feeble health of his parents who are advanced in years and have no other son to take care of them. Since that time Rev. Luther Clark, a very able and progressive young preacher of the local ranks, has had charge of the work and has achieved success.

New River Circuit.—A. H. Gregg, local preacher, has faithfully served this charge. All the classes have been strengthened, and at Oneida, a thriving little town on the Queen & Crescent R. R., a beautiful new church has been built worth about \$1200. This is the first Methodist church ever built in Scott county.

Deer Lodge Circuit.—Has been served by W. L. Norwood as supply. Materials for a new church have been collected and a five roomed cottage and four acres of land secured as parsonage, valued \$500.

Jellico Station—For four years has been under the care of J. M. Emert, a diligent, painstaking, and very successful pastor, and our work there was never in so good a condition as it is to-day.

The Revs. C. W. Miller, S. V. Lowe, and G. M. Stout have each passed through great personal and family afflictions, but have, amid it all, been faithful, true and successful.

Rev. Hazen Oaks, pastor of the Lafollette charge, has also suffered great personal and family afflictions for long months, and in the meantime gave up his precious old mother, but she died as she lived—like a veritable saint of God. Brother Oaks is building a handsome new church 43x73 feet of cut stone and pressed brick, supposed to cost about \$8000.00, when completed. Brother Oaks has a master hand, head, heart and purse, and knows nothing but success.

Rev. B. C. Taylor has enjoyed his usual success in his third year on the Newcomb circuit.

Rev. C. L. Poultón, of the local ranks, has been leading on our hosts on the Jellico circuit. During the year he reported once that all his people in one town had moved away and left him, but he knew no better than to take our "Godly admonition." So he held a great revival and in four weeks had a stronger and better church than ever before.

The Tazewell charge has for two years been under the wise and careful control of A. Y. Shavelly. A splendid \$1000 church has been completed this year and the plans perfected for the building of a parsonage.

The Rev. G. M. Stout has superintended the building of a neat new church on the Maynardville circuit worth \$1100.00 which was dedicated free of debt last Sunday and is known as Union Starr M. E. Church.

H. W. McKenzie has had a good year on the Rutledge circuit, and his people are anxious for his return.

Andersonville circuit was served until May 10th by Rev. W. L. Oliver, a most excellent man and good preacher, but at that time he was relieved of the charge at his own very earnest request, and Rev. J. M. Sutton, of Grant University, finished out the year with good results.

The Jamestown charge has been under the care of Rev. J. B. Peters, but some part of the circuit has been under quarantine on account of small-pox for five or six months. A part of this circuit lies within the natural and legal boundary of the Central Tennessee Conference, and a portion of our territory has been occupied and improved by said Conference. A joint commission from our Conference and from theirs recommend that we surrender their claim to them and they give us ours in return.

Scarboro circuit has had a most excellent year with Luther Clear as supply. Progress has been made along all lines.

Clinton station has had a very prosperous year in some respects. Rev. J. C. Harmon is their very popular and efficient pastor.

The Sunday Schools throughout the district have been prosperous as a rule. The attendance has been increased and twenty-five per cent. more of them are using our literature than formerly. Some good libraries have been secured.

The few Epworth Leagues and Junior Leagues we have are doing excellent work and their numbers are increasing.

I am sure we have made a good advance toward self-support on all our charges and that the pastors are better paid year after year. The pastors and presiding elder have been paid in full this year, \$5973.00, which is far in advance of any previous year.

We have reported 902 conversions and have had 460 accessions. The benevolences are over 50 per cent. in advance of last year.

Powell's Valley Seminary is under the management of Prof. E. M. Ellison, and an efficient corps of assistant teachers who will no doubt do credit to this excellent institution. I have preached 270 sermons during the year, and have received as a salary from the people \$726. The Lord has indeed been very gracious to us and to His name be all the praise.

ISAAC H. MILLER, P. E.

MEMOIRS.

THE REV. THOMAS H. RUSSELL.

The Rev. Thomas Humes Russell was born in Jefferson county, Tenn., some time in the year 1834, and departed this life at the home of his son, in Glen Mary, Tenn., April 10, 1902. He was, therefore, about sixty-eight years of age.

He was the son of John Russell and Nancy Ellis, both from Virginia. He was married to Evaline E. Williamson in 1857; of this union there were born five children, three of whom survive him. In 1874 his wife died, leaving him to care for and nurture his children alone. He was married a second time, to a Miss McCampbell, but of this union there was no issue.

He was licensed to preach the gospel at Axley's Chapel, Loudon county, Tenn., when about nineteen years of age, and was admitted to the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South, in October, 1859, at Abingdon, Va., Bishop Early presiding.

Through the entire period of the civil war, terrible and disrupting as it was, Brother Russell maintained an unbroken and constant ministry.

In 1865, when the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was reorganized in Athens, Tenn., by Bishop Davis W. Clark, he was one, with many others, to enter the Church of his choice. By that Conference he was presented and elected to the office of a deacon, and when the appointments were read out he was the preacher in charge of Maryville Circuit. From that time he traveled incessantly until his health became so impaired that he was unable to endure the hardships of a Methodist itinerant preacher. He filled many of the more important charges in the Conference, and served one full term as Presiding Elder, traveling the Kingston District four years.

Thomas H. Russell was a remarkable man. His was a strong and unique personality. He was unlike other men; unlike others in his personal bearing, movements and manner of approach, and in all this there was the manifestation of an original, independent, honest spirit. He was a man of good education, a classical scholar, and of splendid address; he was

perfectly easy in the society of the cultured and knew how to make all about him perfectly at ease in his presence.

As a preacher he was extraordinary, if the test of results be applied. His method was expository, and he possessed peculiar ability to make his auditors see the truth of the Scriptures. He was fertile in illustration and at times presented word pictures which must ever remain with those who saw and heard him. When in his prime, he was very successful as a revivalist, and, with reference to immediate results, was probably the most effective preacher in the Conference.

As a debater he had few equals. He could be logical, earnest, humorous and witty, as the nature and importance of the subject demanded. And he usually won his cause.

He was the soul of honor and a friend true as steel.

He was a wise counsellor and his advice was always offered in meekness and in such spirit that you were impressed with his interest in you. He was particularly the friend of young men, and stood for the admission into the Conference of any man of good character who believed himself called of God to preach the gospel. Like most Methodist preachers, he was the earnest advocate of every good cause. He was especially interested in the prohibition of the liquor traffic and never lost an opportunity to strike it a blow limited only by his strength. In the campaign of 1887, looking toward the prohibition of the liquor traffic by an amendment to the State constitution, he took an active part and made speeches which were the delight of the temperance people and the terror of the saloonists.

He loved the Church. Often has the writer heard him announce the hymn, "I love thy kingdom, Lord; the house of thine abode;" and never without the impression that it expressed the real sentiment of his heart.

He was liberal in his views and easy in his relationship to other denominations, but he loved his own Church above every other. He delighted in the work of the ministry of the gospel, whether it was to visit from house to house, or preach to the people on the Sabbath day, or labor in a revival effort, exhorting, praying, inviting the anxious or trying to sing. Though he could not sing, he loved Christian song, and would sometimes remark that he could not sing here, but after reaching heaven he expected to spend the first thousand years in singing. If his desire has been realized, as we verily believe, he is walking the heavenly streets and singing the praises of the Lamb to-day.

"Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle's fought, the victory's won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

J. J. ROBINETTE.

THE REV. JAMES B. FITZGERALD.

The Rev. James B. Fitzgerald was born in Iredell county, N. C., September 26, 1826, and died at his home in Morristown, Tenn., May 30, 1902. When only a boy he moved with his parents to Haywood county, N. C., grew to manhood in said county and was educated in Greenville Academy, at Waynesville, N. C. In the year 1845 he was married to Miss Harriet M. Grahm, with whom he walked fifty-two years—she having died May 1, 1897, preceding him to the better world five years. To this union were born ten children, three sons and seven daughters. Six of the number are still living and four are dead. The dates of his conversion and accession to the Church are not absolutely known—certainly in early manhood. His first attachment was doubtless to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Shortly after he joined the Church he was licensed to preach. As early as the year 1850 he was admitted on trial in the Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was ordained deacon October 4, 1852, in Asheville, N. C., by Bishop William Capers. Later he located because of failing health. At times during the Civil War he served as a supply. In the year 1865 when the Methodist Episcopal Church was reorganized in the South, he was present at Athens, Tennessee, and took part in the reorganization. He became a member of Holston Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, and was ordained elder June 10, 1865, by Bishop Davis W. Clark. After joining the Conference at Athens he went to his home in North Carolina, and was among the first, if not the first one, to reorganize classes in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Western North Carolina. After entering the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Brother Fitzgerald did not give much time to the regular pastorate, but was an ardent supporter of the institutions of his church, putting much time and money into her causes. Had great interest in educational work. In his early ministry he had to do largely with the establishing of Richland Institute, in Haywood county, N. C., an institution of high standing in those days. In his later ministry he put much effort and money into the building of Warren College, at Chucky City, Tennessee, where we still have an affiliated school, with Grant University, known as Wesleyan Academy. Some two years before his death he was married the second time; this time to Mrs. M. J. Anderson, who still survives him. In the midst of the sufferings of his last days, he said, "I have tried to advocate religious principles, righteousness, holiness and justice, and I have depended on my Maker to save me in it. My great object when I started out was to make myself better."

The writer visited him many times in his last illness and found him much inclined to be devotional and to have a large measure of faith in God. The writer, assisted by Drs. L. E. Prentiss and J. S. Petty, conducted the services at his late residence in Morristown, and Rev. J. D. Roberson and Dr. J. J. Manker held the regular funeral service at Chucky City, where the interment took place.

B. M. MARTIN.

CATHERINE A. HYDEN.

Catherine A. (Davis) Hyden was born in Hawkins county, Tennessee, June 16, 1833; and departed this life at her home in Maryville, Tennessee, December 22, 1901. Her age was, therefore, 68 years, 6 months and 6 days.

When about seventeen years of age she was converted and immediately united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was united in marriage to the Rev. Samuel W. Hyden of Holston Conference, M. E. Church, October 12, 1851. Of this union nine children were born, three sons and six daughters; six of them, five daughters, one son and her husband survive to mourn her departure.

Sister Hyden was a woman of more than ordinary force of character. She was calm philosophical and self-possessed in emergencies; she was patient and cheerful in affliction; she had a faculty of looking at the bright side of life...

As a Christian she had a strong unyielding faith in God, and was resigned to His will in life and in death. She loved the Bible and found great comfort in the promises of God. She was devoted to the Church and though she could not avail herself of its public services, rejoiced in its prosperity.

Sister Hyden was a great sufferer; it seemed to be hers to suffer the divine will. For the last twenty years of her life she was afflicted with that terrible malady, rheumatism, and for ten or twelve years had been confined to her room and bed. During all these years she suffered much but was never heard to complain or murmur; but on the contrary, was cheerful and happy. For her relief she had every attention and when the end came she died the death of the righteous, illustrating the triumphs of the Christian faith. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, assisted by Rev. P. H. Henry, her long time neighbor and then we laid her mortal remains to rest in beautiful Magnolia Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just.

J. J. ROBINETTE.

MRS. ANN ELIZA BAKER.

Mrs. Baker was born near Fall Branch, Tennessee, at a date unknown to us. Was the daughter of John B. and Rachel Hunt. She was united with our brother, J. N. Baker, about the year 1869, in holy wedlock, the Rev. L. F. Drake officiating, with whom she lived and shared the toils and sacrifices of the itinerant until a few months ago, when she went up and joined her eldest daughter, who was called a few years ago to join the innumerable hosts who have gone before.

Sister Baker was from early life inclined to piety, but was never demonstrative in her religious life. To her husband and surviving children we extend our heartfelt condolence,

T. S. WALKER.

AMANDA A. WELLS MILBURN.

Amanda A. Wells Milburn was born in Sullivan county, Tennessee, December 14, 1845, and died September 15, 1902, her age being fifty-seven years, eleven months and one day.

On the 6th day of August, 1868, she was united in holy wedlock to Joseph P. Milburn, a member of this Conference. Early in life, in the bloom and beauty of childhood, she gave her young heart to the blessed Christ, and ever afterwards in her manner of life she closely followed in the foot steps of her Master. During the past Conference year she buried her oldest son—she surrendered him to the grave with remarkable resignation to the will of Heaven, but when her time came she found it easier for her to die than to give up to death her loved boy. She bore her own long and lingering illness with marvelous patience that seemed to be tinged with heavenly joy. During her last day when asked if all was well, she would answer with a smile, "I am ready and willing to go." Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dinwiddie, brought her a bouquet just a little before her death and she praised God aloud and said her son Peter, who had died the winter before, came with the flowers. The last utterance she made was while looking into the face of her surviving daughter with a smile upon her dying face, she said, "Lord take me home, I am ready to go." And God took her home, to her husband, her children and her Saviour. She rests from toil, she is free from sorrow, she has found the loved ones she had lost and is with them in the Paradise of God.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Athens District—

Ducktown	\$ 90 00
Kingston	80 00
Madisonville	76 00
Maryville Circuit.....	30 00
	----- \$ 276 00

Chattanooga District—

Big Lick	\$ 30 00
Chattanooga:	
Epworth.....	30 00
Ridgedale	30 00
St. James	40 00
Crossville	150 00
Fairmount	40 00
Jasper	46 00
Morgan Springs	30 00
Pikeville	40 00
South Pittsburg	60 00
Tracy City	40 00
Victoria	30 00
	----- \$ 560 00

Clinton District—

Andersonville	\$ 40 00
Big Valley	20 00
Clinton	40 00
Elk Valley	30 00
Jellico Circuit	20 00
LaFollette	100 00
Maynardville	40 00
Rutledge	30 00
Petros	20 00
	----- \$ 340 00

Greeneville District—

Johnson City Circuit	\$ 40 00
Parrottsville	50 00
Rogersville	50 00
Surgoinsville	50 00
Watauga	50 00
	----- \$ 240 00

Knoxville District—

East Main Street	\$200 00
Elm Grove and Lonsdale	100 00
Morristown Circuit	40 00
Newport Circuit	40 00
Stinnett.....	44 00
	----- \$ 424 00
Total.	\$1,840 00

Statistics No. 1.—Athens District, Holston Conference, for 1902.

Statistics No. 1.—Chattanooga District, Holston Conference, for 1902.

NAMES OF CHARGES,

		Membership		Baptism	Sun. Schools	Schools	Church Property									
		No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Clerks and Teachers	No. of Officers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. Parsonages	Paid for Building and Improving Parsonages	Paid on Old In- and Improbings	Churches on Debt	Church Property
Alton Park	22	49	1	20	1	12	124	1	\$ 2000	1	\$ 500	65	65	65	65	65
Avondale	..	83	..	2	3	1	13	125	1	1500	1	600	150	150	150	150
Crossville	5	193	1	2	3	4	25	230	1	300	1	200	500	500	500	500
Daisy	21	315	2	4	2	14	6	31	345	4	2000	1	300	600	600	600
Dayton and Vine Grove	8	140	..	5	..	16	2	17	200	2	5200	1	300	175	175	175
Epworth	9	24	..	..	..	1	1	8	60	1	1340	..	1340	20	20	20
First Church	29	681	4	4	20	10	1	59	601	1	65000	1	6000	200	200	200
Graysville	16	271	1	2	..	4	5	80	225	6	3700	1	450	60	60	60
Harriman	11	182	2	2	5	5	1	25	176	1	3000	..	25	25	25	25
Highland Park	6	76	4	1	..	8	1	14	120	1	2800	1	1500	..	..	..
Hill City	14	172	2	1	..	6	8	54	287	2	1000	..	..	..	..	..
Morgan Springs	3	160	..	2	3	6	5	20	150	5	1700	..	..	..	..	..
Jasper	18	172	1	2	..	4	5	29	180	4	2600	..	..	..	..	..
Pikeville	3	140	1	2	..	2	2	18	125	3	4300	1	800	600	600	600
Rockwood and Spring City	3	51	..	..	4	14	1	13	146	1	3500	..	25	750	750	750
Ridgedale	3	89	1	..	..	..	..	..	869	1	8500	..	..	..	..	..
Sherman Heights	8	56	1	1	8	3	1	8	100	1	3000	..	..	83	83	83
South Pittsburg	3	29	3	1	..	4	1	10	125	..	..	..	400	400	400	400
St. James	20	200	3	2	1	13	3	34	30	3	250	3	1300	..	..	..
Tracy City	60	216	2	2	3	3	34	4	200	3	2000	3	400	500	500	500
Victoria	2	15	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	45	1	400	..	18	18	18
Fairmount	269	3386	30	36	50	167	56	449	3973	44	112940	9	10650	4741	894	675
Total	269	3386	30	36	50	167	56	449	3973	44	112940	9	10650	4741	894	675

Statistics No. 1--Clinton District, Holston Conference, for 1902.

NAMES OF CHARGES.

Statistics No. 1--Greeneville District, Holston Conference, for 1902:

NAMES OF CHARGES.

Names of Full Members		Membership		Baptism		Sun. Schools		Church Property		Present Tithes on Old In- debtedness on Property		Church Property Paid on Old In- debtedness on Property					
No. Probationers	No. Local Members	No. of Clerical Members	No. of Deacons	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Schoolars	Probable Value	No. Personages	Paid for Building and Improvement of Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old In- debtedness on Property	Church Property Paid on Old In- debtedness on Property				
Bloomingdale	20	523	5	35	6	18	406	6	6600	1	1000	100	70				
Butler Circuit	5	183	3	5	2	8	80	3	2500		80	80					
Chuckey City	38	509	5	16	7	5	64	8	11000	1	500	830	50				
Elizabethhton	40	270	1	4	7	43	3	15	150	3	4000	50					
Fall Branch	10	610	2	8	10	12	7	50	260	7	10500	50					
Greeneville Circuit	20	684	1	14	6	4	69	644	8	7300		304					
Greeneville Station	165	1	6	3	1	1	15	150	1	4900	1	3000	200				
Johnson City Station	7	251	1	5	7	7	39	144	1	4000	2	4500	180				
Johnson City Circuit	42	318	1	5	8	23	4	32	300	4	3000	50					
Jonesboro Circuit	20	465	3	4	13	6	36	400	6	6500	1	1000	1500				
Mountain City	12	365	4	5	10	30	5	40	36	4	5000	1	800	100			
Oakland Circuit	20	475	3	5	10	30	5	40	400	6	4400	1	500	50			
Parrottsville	20	504	1	7	3	18	6	15	5	6000	1	500	650				
Rogersville Circuit	10	100	1	1	1	8	2	10	140	3	2750	50					
Sneedville	6	292	2	1	5	13	5	20	245	4	1500	20					
Surgoinsville	14	266	1	2	8	20	5	39	321	6	6330	500					
Watauga Circuit	20	286	1	6	6	4	2	17	153	2	1700	1	500				
White Horn Circuit	10	116	1	2	7	2	17	17	153	2	1700	1	500				
Total		314	6378	21	78	81	241	76	514	4897	.81	91050	9	12800	4009	235	450

Statistics No. 1.—Knoxville District, Holston Conference, for 1902:

RECAPITULATION:

Statistics No. 3.—Athens District, Holston Conference, for 1902.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support			Debtenges			Support P.Elders	Support P.Aids	Amount Apportioned Paid	Amount Apportioned Paid	Amount Apportioned Paid	Total Sup't Pts.	Total Bishops and Pastors, P.P.	Other Rec'd from	Total Claimants	Conference Expenses
		Claims	House Rent	Total Salary	House Rent	Total	Col'ctns										
Athens Circuit	J. H. Amis.....	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$ 613	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 100	\$ 150
Chatata Circuit	M. C. Bruner.....	500	500	470	50	470	30	54	4	528	10	30	40	40	40	40	40
Cleveland	J. F. Perry.....	450	50	292	50	342	158	60	38	3	2	382	6	30	20	20	20
Cleveland Circuit	D. G. Pile.....	550	550	600	600	600	50	50	5	5	5	655	15	85	50	50	50
Decatur	W. S. Brackney.....	325	325	325	325	325	50	51	4	4	4	380	10	10	10	10	10
Ducktown	H. M. Hawk.....	275	25	300	275	25	300	45	45	3	3	348	5	5	5	5	5
Ebenezer	T. R. West.....	360	360	360	360	360	45	45	3	2	407	5	5	5	16	16	
Erie	J. W. Cardwell.....	300	10	310	300	10	310	40	40	40	40	350	8	8	8	8	8
Kingston	C. D. Hoy.....	175	175	175	175	175	50	50	4	4	4	229	5	5	5	5	5
Loudon Circuit	T. G. Chase.....	360	50	410	292	50	342	68	40	40	4	4	386	10	10	10	10
Madisonville	W. S. Grant.....	450	75	525	450	75	525	50	50	3	3	578	8	8	8	15	10
Maryville	M. H. Monroe	300	50	350	300	50	350	45	45	2	2	349	5	5	5	15	22
Maryville Circuit	J. J. Robinette.....	800	800	800	800	800	66	66	66	8	8	874	15	15	15	200	25
	A. M. Rose.....	350	350	350	350	350	45	45	4	4	4	399	5	5	5	50	35
Total		260	6005	5539	260	5796	256	695	674	55	53	6526	122	30	152	690	442

Statistics No. 3.—Chattanooga District, Holston Conference, for 1902.

Statistics No. 3.—Clinton District, Holston Conference, for 1902.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support			Debtors			Support P. Elders			Support P. Bishops			Conference Claimants			Current Expenses		
		Claims	Receipts	Total	House Rent	House Rent	Total	Paid	Portioned	Amt Apd	Paid	Portioned	Amt Apd	Paid	Portioned	Amt Apd	Paid	Leaves, etc.	
Andersonville.....	J. W. Sutton.....	\$ 190	\$ 190	\$ 190	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 190	\$ 190	\$ 190	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 18			
Big Valley.....	S. V. Lowe.....	300	..	300	..	..	..	301	..	301	40	40	40	141	141	14	
Clinton Station.....	J. C. Harmon.....	405	100	505	405	100	505	50	50	50	50	50	50	557	557	8	40		
Deer Lodge.....	W. J. Norwood.....	200	..	200	..	..	..	30	30	30	30	30	30	233	233	2	25
Elk Valley.....	T. Y. Broyles.....	100	..	100	..	..	..	100	..	100	20	20	20	120	120	1	15
Jellico Station.....	J. M. Emerit.....	500	..	500	..	..	..	500	..	500	50	50	50	553	553	10	90
Jellico Circuit.....	C. L. Poulson.....	140	..	140	..	..	..	140	..	140	25	25	25	166	166	1	42
Jamestown.....	John B. Peters.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	20	20	20	20	20	20	120	120				
LaFollette.....	Hazzen Oaks.....	600	150	750	600	150	750	40	40	40	40	40	40	792	792	5	36		
Maynardville.....	G. M. Stout.....	250	..	250	..	..	..	250	..	250	40	40	40	293	293	3	35
Newcomb.....	B. C. Taylor.....	440	..	440	..	..	..	440	..	440	44	44	44	487	487	3	60
New River.....	A. H. Gragg.....	300	..	300	..	..	..	300	..	300	50	50	50	352	352	2	30
Oliver Springs.....	L. B. Clark.....	250	..	250	..	..	..	250	..	250	30	30	30	282	282	2	21
Rutledge.....	H. W. McKenzie.....	270	..	270	..	..	..	270	..	270	50	50	50	320	320	2	21
Petros.....	T. J. Bosrain.....	20	..	20	..	..	..	20	..	20	..	..	..	20	20		
Shawnee.....	S. B. Jones.....	100	5	105	100	5	105	25	25	25	1	1	1	231	231	5			
Scarboro.....	Luther Clear.....	150	50	200	150	50	200	36	36	36	1	1	1	237	237	1	5		
Sunbright.....	A. E. Brown.....	270	..	270	..	..	..	270	..	270	50	50	50	323	323	1	15
Tazewell.....	A. Y. navelly.....	180	..	180	..	..	..	180	..	180	40	40	40	221	221	1	25
Well Spring.....	C. W. Miller.....	260	24	284	260	24	284	50	50	50	1	1	1	335	335	1	10		
Total		\$ 329	\$ 329	\$ 5354	\$ 5025	\$ 329	\$ 5355	\$ 731	\$ 731	\$ 730	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ 341		

Statistics No. 3.—Greeneville District, Holston Conference, for 1092.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support		Support P. Elders		Support Bishops		Conference Claimants		Current Expenses		Leaves, etc. ton, fuel, less on, etc.	
		Claims		Receipts		Total		Sources, etc., from		Other Sources			
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Collected	Paid	Received from	Ex- penses, etc.		
Bloomingdale	J. C. Hodge	\$ 300	\$ 40	\$ 340	\$ 300	\$ 40	\$ 340	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 341	\$ 20	
Butler Circuit	James Osborne	200	24	224	200	24	224	20	20	3	224	8	
Chuckey City	J. D. Roberson	500	50	550	450	50	500	45	44	3	547	75	
Elizabethhton	Geo. S. Bales	35	50	400	350	50	400	36	1	1	437	40	
Fall Branch	S. G. Ketron	500	500	520	520	520	520	55	4	4	579	50	
Greeneville Circuit	W. S. Bandy	530	530	510	510	20	510	50	50	4	564	5	
Greeneville Station	J. S. Jones	70	150	850	700	150	850	36	36	2	888	8	
Johnson City Station	J. A. Ruble	600	150	750	60	150	650	44	44	6	80	10	
Johnson City Circuit	G. W. Glendennen	210	210	210	210	210	210	20	20	20	230	10	
Jonesboro Circuit	T. D. Rowe	425	60	485	425	60	485	36	36	4	2	518	
Mountain City	T. H. Hodges	430	72	502	388	72	460	42	50	50	5	50	
Oakland Circuit	W. R. Byerly	350	25	375	425	25	425	40	40	40	5	40	
Parrottsville	G. B. Cox	352	352	352	352	352	352	50	50	4	406	15	
Rogersville Circuit	D. T. Lawson	100	100	100	100	100	100	20	20	1	121	1	
Sneedville	S. H. Frizzier	192	192	192	192	192	192	25	25	1	218	10	
Surgoinsville	A. C. Ketron	215	215	215	215	215	215	25	25	2	242	1	
Watauga Circuit	A. Burns	210	210	210	210	210	210	20	20	1	231	1	
White Horn Circuit	T. S. Walker	180	180	180	180	180	180	15	15	2	142	2	
Total		6294	621	6915	6277	596	6873	112	627	626	37	34	6508

Statistics No. 3.—Knoxville District, Holston Conference for 1902

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support				Debtors	Support Pelders	Support Bishops	Conference Claimsants	Current Expe'ses					
		Claims		Receipts											
		House Rent	Salary	House Rent	Salary										
Dandridge Circuit...	T. W. Brown...	\$ 300	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 255	\$ 255	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 48	\$ 305					
Elm Grove & Jones Chapel	N. A. Rule...	200	50	200	50	250	32	32	4	277					
Fair Garden Circuit	W. T. Senter...	375	...	375	...	375	60	60	10	10					
Holston Circuit	E. A. Holbert...	192	...	192	...	192	30	30	3	223					
Knoxville Asylum St.	W. A. Saville....	600	150	750	150	750	50	50	1	781					
East Main St.	W. F. Pitts....	280	280	280	280	280	20	20	2	304					
First Church...	C. M. Hall...	2030	1700	330	2030	300	300	25	25	236					
Luttrell St...	J. M. Melear...	1100	...	1100	...	1100	75	75	15	1190					
Knoxville Circuit...	J. A. Baker...	340	...	340	...	340	50	50	5	345					
Little River Circuit	J. W. McGee...	375	60	375	60	435	40	40	5	480					
Lonsdale	F. M. Cones...	120	...	120	...	120	...	...	...	...	
Morristown	B. M. Martin...	550	...	550	...	550	40	40	8	598					
Morristown Circuit	J. M. Durham...	215	...	215	...	215	20	20	3	238					
Newport	R. L. Stapleton...	450	75	525	75	525	40	40	8	575					
Newport Circuit	A. G. Caddle...	280	...	280	...	162	118	118	3	188					
New Salem	A. B. McKenzie...	400	...	400	...	405	...	322	5	445					
Pigeon Forge	E. R. Braman...	215	...	215	...	215	...	322	5	297					
Sevierville Circuit	W. M. Christian...	375	...	375	...	375	55	60	7	442					
Thorn Grove Circuit	J. S. Strange...	365	85	400	35	400	45	45	4	449					
Tuckaleechee Circuit	J. O. Cox...	100	...	100	102	102	18	18	2	122					
Total.....		\$8532	\$700	9232	8376	700	9076	163	1022	989	117				
										10032	212				
										5	217				
										2459	887				

RECAPITULATION:

Statistics No. 4.—Ahens District, Holston Conference for 1802.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

MISSIONS		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										TOTAL		
MISSIONS	BENEVOLENT	EDUCATION		RELIGION		WELFARE		GENERAL		CHRISTIAN		TOTAL		
(a)	(b)	UNDAY SCHOOL	TOTAL	CHILDRN'S	FUND	WOMAN'S FED'L SOCIETY	SOCIAL AID & SOCIETY	MISSIONS	GENERAL	EDUCATION	CHRISTIAN	EDUCATION	MISSIONS	
Athens	45	\$ 35	\$ 80	\$ 20	\$ 32	\$ 22	\$ 32	\$ 2	\$ 10	\$ 15	\$ 25	\$ 10	\$ 278	
Athens Circuit	30	20	50	19	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	110	
Chatata Circuit	20	10	30	5	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	
Cleveland	40	20	60	26	9	21	31	1	1	1	1	1	200	
Cleveland Circuit	50	50	19	2	21	5	12	1	1	1	1	1	14	
Decatur Circuit	25	15	40	9	1	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	74	
Ducktown Circuit	35	35	35	2	1	1	17	4	1	1	1	1	46	
Ebenezer Circuit	35	5	40	10	1	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	194	
Erie Circuit	40	40	40	5	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	68	
Kingston Circuit	23	11	34	20	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	86	
Loudon Circuit	45	45	45	8	2	2	10	2	3	1	1	1	92	
Madisonville Circuit	40	40	8	1	1	1	6	5	2	1	1	1	72	
Maryville	90	10	100	15	1	1	25	4	6	1	20	6	340	
Maryville Circuit	20	20	40	6	1	2	4	4	4	2	2	2	73	
Total	538	146	684	172	32	23	188	22	31	19	49	81	55	1783

NAMES OF CHARGES

MISSIONS	EDUCATION	Total		Total
		(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	
Alton Park		\$ 5	\$ 5	10 *
Avondale		20	20	40
Crossville		25	25	50
Daisy.		35	35	70
Dayton and Vine Grove		23	55	78
Epworth.		6	4	10
First Church		775	110	885
Graysville.		35	5	40
Harriman		121	9	130
Highland Park		103	40	143
Hill City.		15	15	30
Morgan Springs		10	10	20
Jasper		15	15	30
Pikeville.		48	48	96
Rockwood and Spring City.		13	27	40
Ridgedale		25	25	50
Sherman Heights		22	22	44
South Pittsburgh.		18	12	30
St. James		10	10	20
Tracy City.		10	10	20
Victoria.		21	4	25
Fairmount.		2	2	4
Total.....		1314	301	1615
				176
				50
				40
				1526
				4197
				56
				31
				286
				65
				1089
				166
				85
				9382

4.—Knoxville District, Holston Conference for 1902.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

Treasurer's Report, Holston Conference for 1902.

Names of Districts	RECAPITULATION.														
	(a) Public Education	(b) Children's Education	Freedmen's Aid & So- ciety	Christian Extension	Sunday-School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & So- ciety	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society					
Recapitulation:															
Athens District.	619	65	172	21	11	23	198	222	21	10	19				
Chattanooga District	404	1156	176	51	40	23	117	1408	14196	38	18	31			
Clinton District	175	22	15	135	12	9	23	3	10	9	7	7			
Greeneville District.	394	21	76	13	12	12	78	11	15	3	29	15			
Knoxville District ..	1353	.	157	62	50	2	199	105	24	45	6	11	4		
Grand Totals	2945	1264	596	197	147	13	1113	605	1527	72	4199	142	41	83	
											4	38	383	23	187
											1475	1	1	1	
											630	..	319	..	319
											1	1	1	1	1
											1679	405	1272	57	57
											1114	8278	9392	1114	8278
											354	188	542	354	188
											778	101	879	778	101
											2207	354	2559	2207	354
											5725	9326	15051	5725	9326



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